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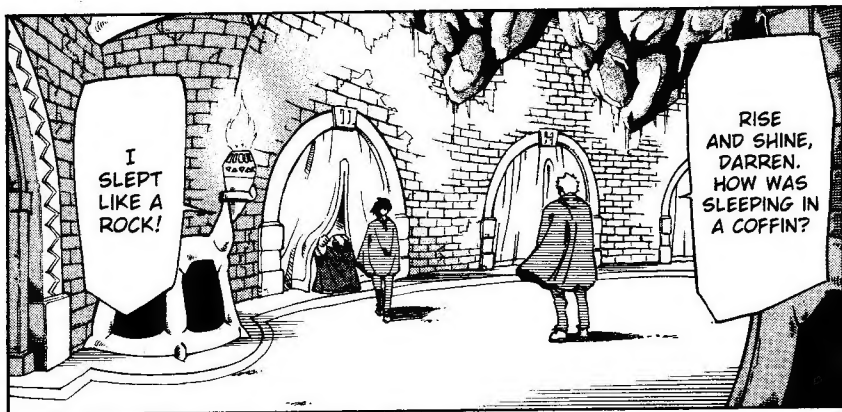
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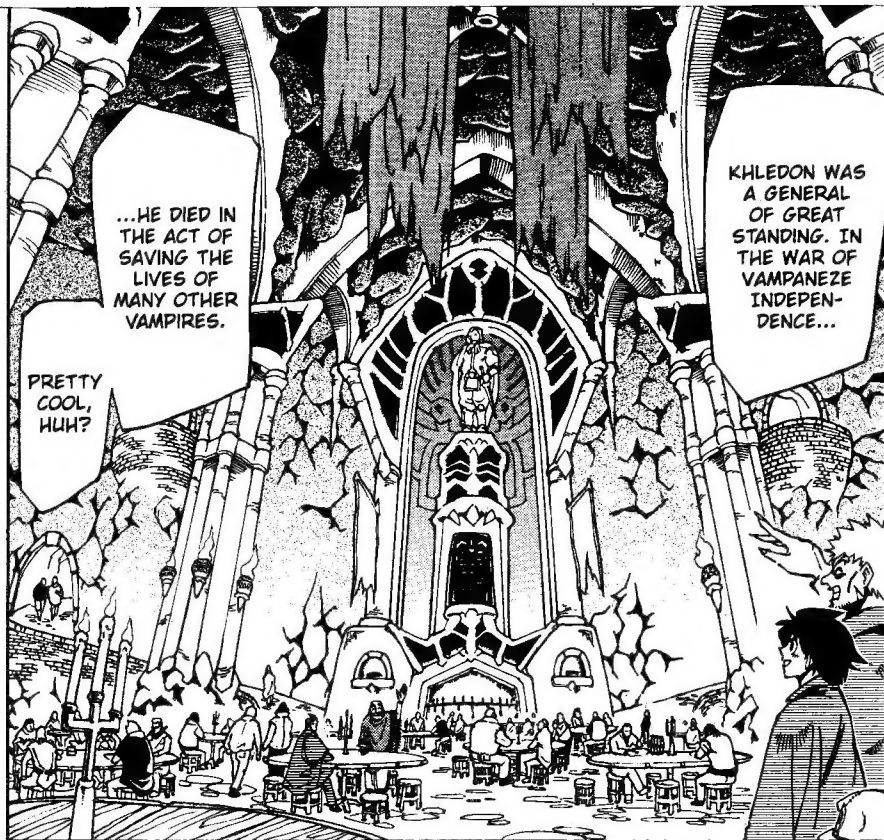




YES, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF BIG STREAMS LEADING OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN.

WHAT WAS THAT? ARE ALL THE TOILETS LIKE THAT?

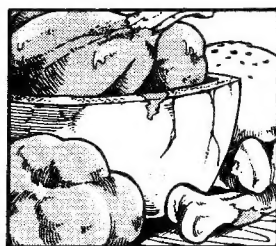
ALL THE TOILETS ARE BUILT RIGHT OVER THEM!



...HE DIED IN
THE ACT OF
SAVING THE
LIVES OF
MANY OTHER
VAMPIRES.

KHLEDON WAS
A GENERAL OF
GREAT
STANDING. IN
THE WAR OF
VAMPANEZE
INDEPENDENCE...

PRETTY
COOL,
HUH?

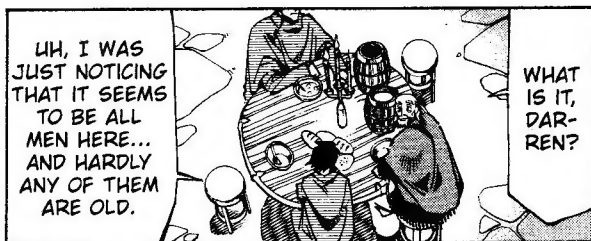
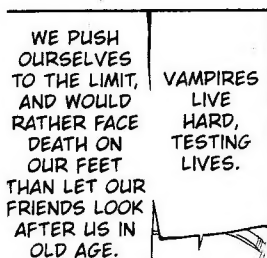


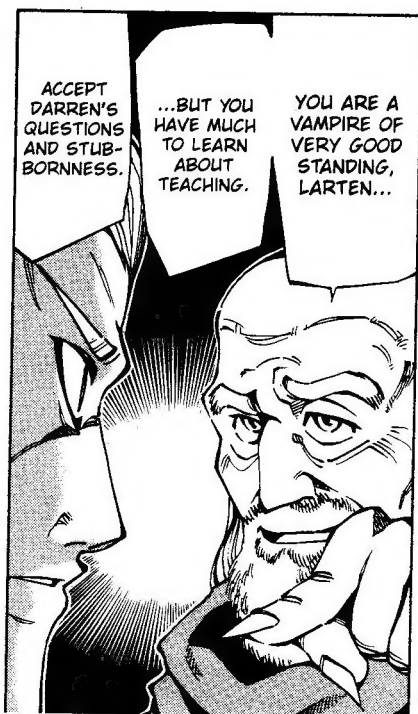
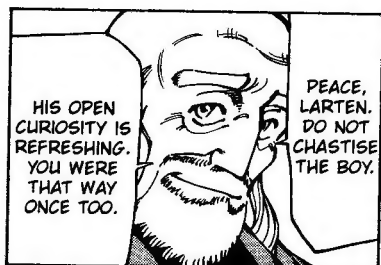
SFX: MUKHA (MUNCH) / HAGU (CHEW)

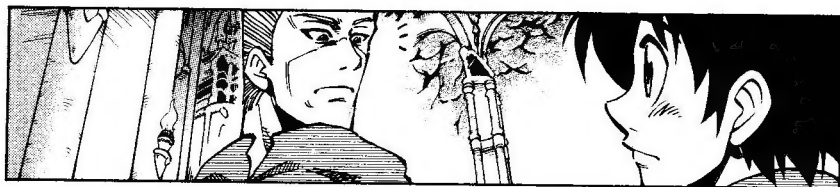


IT'S
AMAZING
TO LOOK
AROUND AND
REALIZE THAT
EVERY ONE
OF THESE
PEOPLE...

...IS A
VAMPIRE!









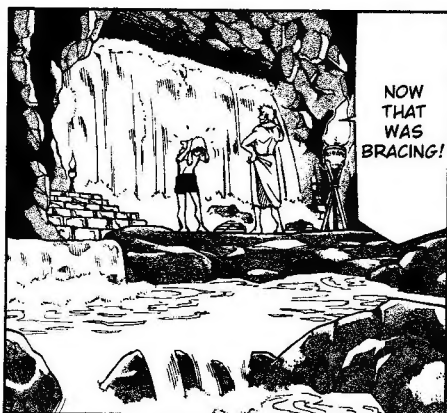


BUT IT IS
THE ONLY
SHOWER TO
BE FOUND
IN VAMPIRE
MOUNTAIN!
YOU WILL
HAVE TO
BEAR IT!

MOST
OTHER
VAMPIRES
RARELY
VENTURE HERE
TO THE HALL
OF PERTA
VIN-GRAHL!



BRACING?
FELT MORE
LIKE MURDER
TO ME...



NOW
THAT
WAS
BRACING!



IT
SURE WAS
INTERESTING,
THOUGH!

POKA
(PUFF)
POKA



BUT THE FIRST
HALLS WERE NOT
BUILT UNTIL 1,400
YEARS AGO. THAT
IS WHEN THE FIRST
PRINCES MOVED IN
AND THE COUNCILS
BEGAN.

THIS MOUNTAIN
WAS FIRST USED
BY VAMPIRES
AROUND 3,000
YEARS AGO.



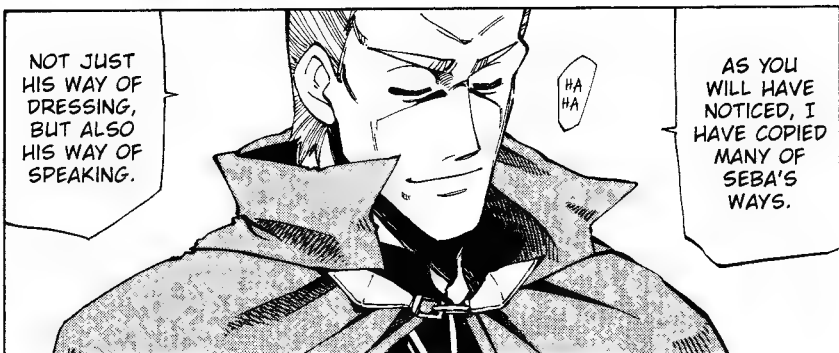
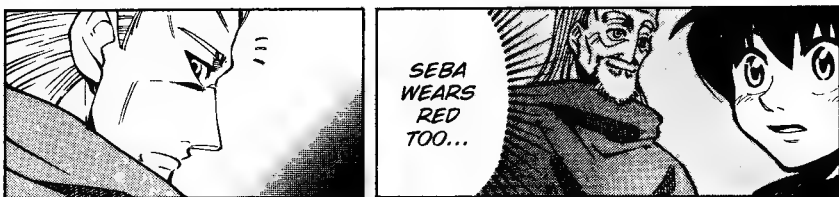
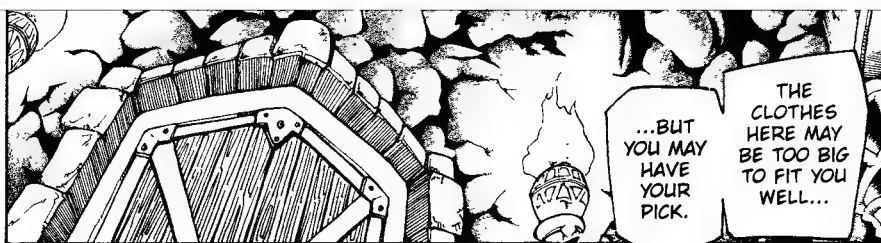
CURSED
VAM-
PANEZE
...

KILL
THEM
ALL!

MR. TINY'S
MESSAGE
IS ALREADY
GETTING
AROUND...

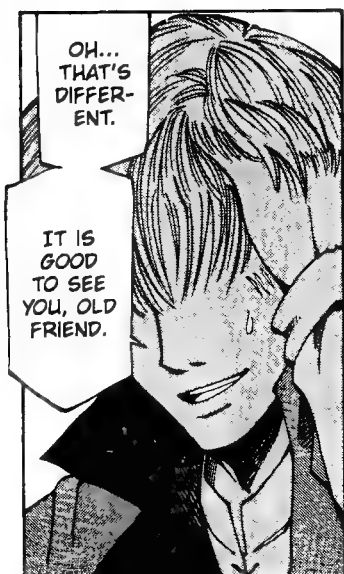
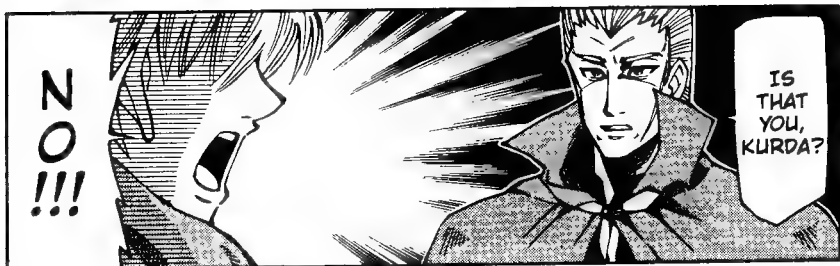
THE NIGHT
OF THE
VAMPALEZE
LORD...

DID YOU
HEAR THE
NEWS?





IT IS A
MEASURE OF
THE RESPECT
I FEEL FOR
HIM...



OH...
THAT'S
DIFFER-
ENT.

IT IS
GOOD
TO SEE
YOU, OLD
FRIEND.



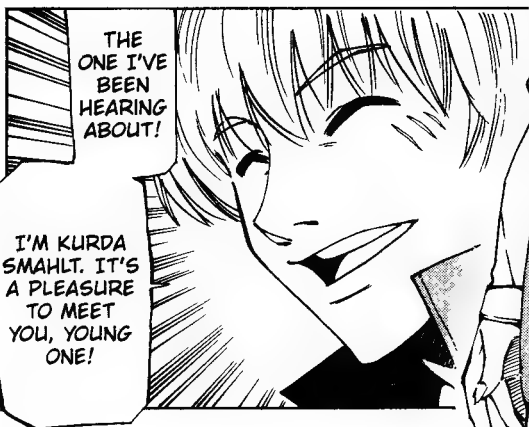
YES.

...
LARTEN?



MY
NAME IS
DARREN
SHAN.

AND THIS
IS...?



THE
ONE I'VE
BEEN
HEARING
ABOUT!

I'M KURDA
SMAHLT. IT'S
A PLEASURE
TO MEET
YOU, YOUNG
ONE!



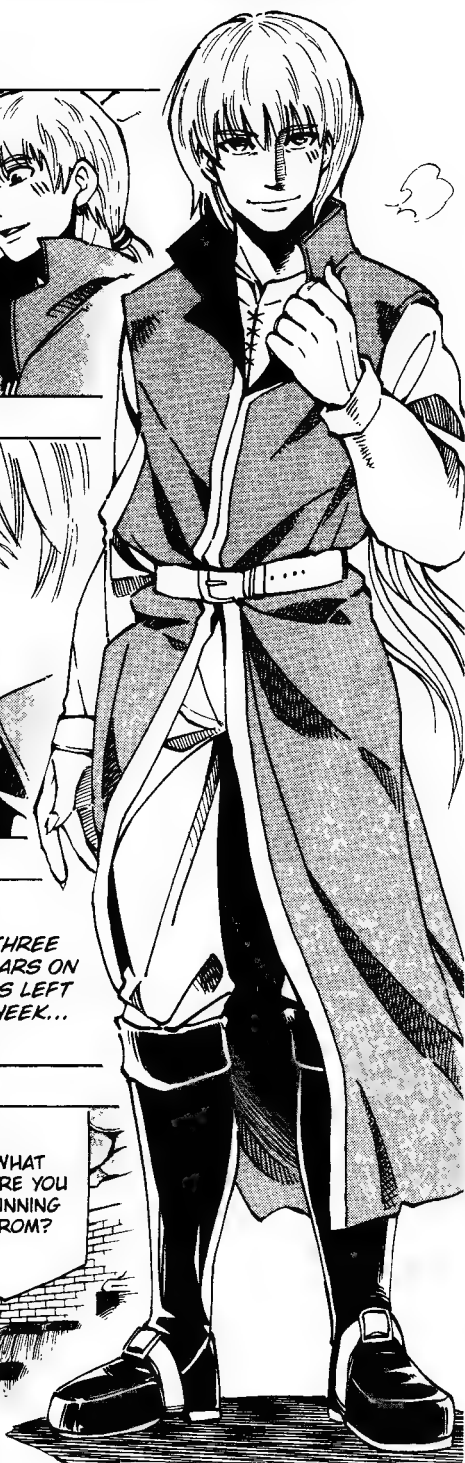
THEY
SEEM
FAMIL-
IAR...

THREE
SCARS ON
HIS LEFT
CHEEK...



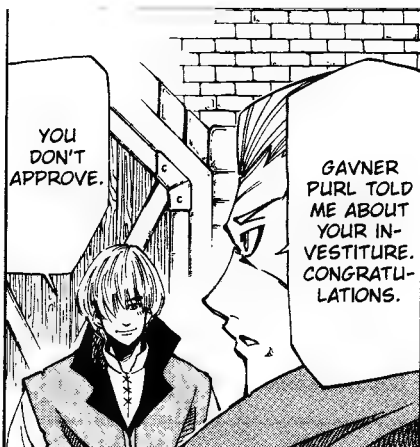
QUESTIONS.
AS SOON AS
THAT MESSAGE
FROM MR. TINY
CIRCULATED,
EVERYONE
RAN TO ME
TO ASK IF IT
WAS TRUE.

WHAT
WERE YOU
RUNNING
FROM?





I DID NOT SAY THAT.



YOU DON'T APPROVE.

GAVNER PURL TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR INVESTITURE. CONGRATULATIONS.



IT'S NOT SUCH A BIG DEAL. IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE DONE ANYTHING WONDROUS.

HOW DO YOU BECOME A VAMPIRE PRINCE?



WHEN ONE MOVES UP IN THE ORGANIZATION.

WHAT'S AN INVESTITURE?



THAT'S RIGHT. I'M BEING MADE A PRINCE.



UNLIKE THE PROCESS TO BECOMING A GENERAL...

...THERE'S NO FIXED WAY TO BE A PRINCE.



JUST CURIOUS.

N-NO!



THINKING OF APPLYING FOR THE JOB?

WHY THE INTEREST?



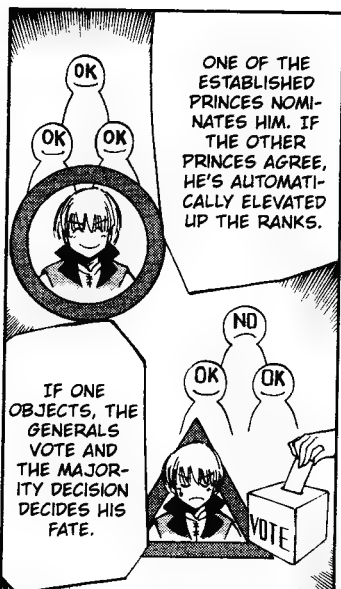
USUALLY
A PRINCE IS
SOMEONE WHO'S
DISTINGUISHED
HIMSELF IN
MANY BATTLES,
EARNING THE
TRUST AND
ADMIRATION
OF HIS
COLLEAGUES.

TO BE
A GENERAL,
YOU STUDY A
SET NUMBER
OF YEARS AND
PASS REGULAR
TESTS.



...AND
I ONLY
BARELY
SQUEEZED
IN BY THE
VOTE.

ONE
OF THE
PRINCES
OBJECTED
TO MY
NOMINA-
TION...



WHICH
MEANS
THAT NEAR
ENOUGH
ONE IN TWO
THINK I
WON'T!

JUST
FIFTY-FOUR
PERCENT
OF THE
GENERALS
THINK I'LL
MAKE A
FITTING
PRINCE.



COME NOW,
DON'T LEAVE
THE BOY
THINKING IT'S
MY AGE THEY
OBJECT TO.

KURDA
IS ONLY 120
YEARS OLD,
MAKING HIM
ONE OF THE
YOUNGEST
PRINCES
EVER...

...AND MANY
GENERALS
BELIEVE HE IS
TOO YOUNG
TO COMMAND
THEIR RESPECT.



THE PRINCES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE BIGGEST, TOUGHEST, BRAVEST VAMPIRES.

RIGHT. COMPARED TO THE OTHER PRINCES, I AM A SLIGHT LITTLE WISP.

THEY'RE NOT VERY BIG BICEPS.

U M M ...

WHAT DO YOU THINK, DARREN?

GU (HRRG) 17"

TON (TAP)

I'M THE FIRST TO BE NOMINATED BECAUSE OF THIS.

...ARE A SIGN OF TRUST.

THESE SCARS ON MY CHEEK...

I'M THE FIRST VAMPIRE SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE PEACE TREATY TO SEEK AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE VAMPANEZE.

WHEN KURDA HOLDS FULL POWER, THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE MUCH SMOOTHER.

THAT IS WHY HE IS BEING INVESTED.

A MAJORITY OF THE GENERALS THINK IT IS TIME WE WERE REUNITED WITH THE VAMPANEZE.

...OF COURSE! THE SIGN THAT MURLOUGH MARKED ON HIS PREY!



I FEAR THE
POSSIBILITY
THAT THE
VAMPANEZE
COULD USE
YOU...

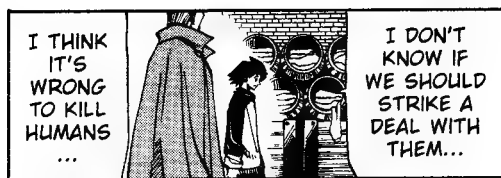
I THINK
THAT YOU ARE
PUSHING
THINGS MUCH
TOO FAST
FOR MY LIK-
ING.



YOU
DON'T
AGREE
WITH IT,
LARTEN?

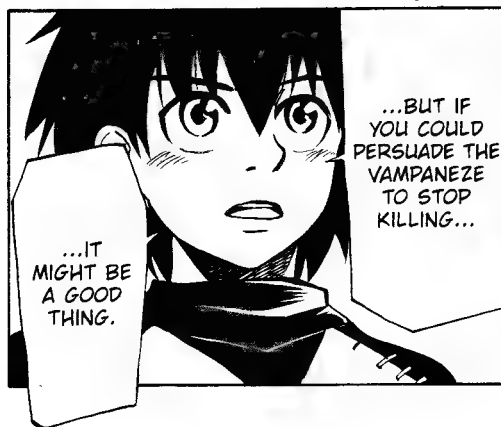


NIKO
GRIND



I THINK
IT'S
WRONG
TO KILL
HUMANS
...

I DON'T
KNOW IF
WE SHOULD
STRIKE A
DEAL WITH
THEM...



...IT
MIGHT BE
A GOOD
THING.

...BUT IF
YOU COULD
PERSUADE THE
VAMPANEZE
TO STOP
KILLING...



IS IT
TIME FOR A
CHANGE—FOR
VAMPIRES TO
ACCEPT THEIR
WAYWARD
BRETHREN?

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
DARREN?



WOULDN'T
IT BE
WORTH
GIVING
UP A FEW
OF OUR
WAYS...

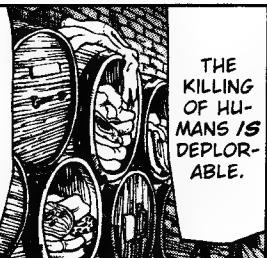
...IF WE
COULD STOP
ALL THE
BLOODY
MURDER?

YEAH!

THIS
BOY HAS
BRAINS!



BUT
UNLESS WE
DRAW THEM
INTO TALKS
AND EARN
THEIR TRUST,
THEY'LL NEVER
STOP.



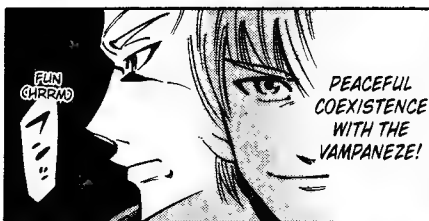
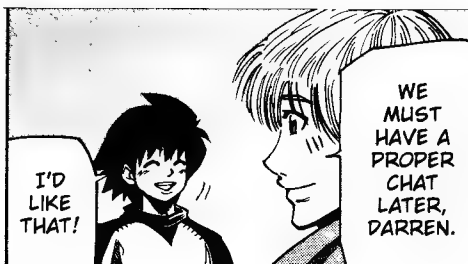
THE
KILLING OF HU-
MANS IS DEPLOR-
ABLE.



PEACEFUL
CO-
EXISTENCE
WITH THE
VAMPANEZE
...

...THAT
IS THE
REASON
I WILL
BECOME A
VAMPIRE
PRINCE.







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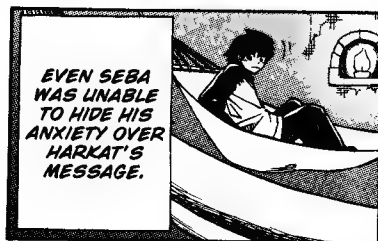
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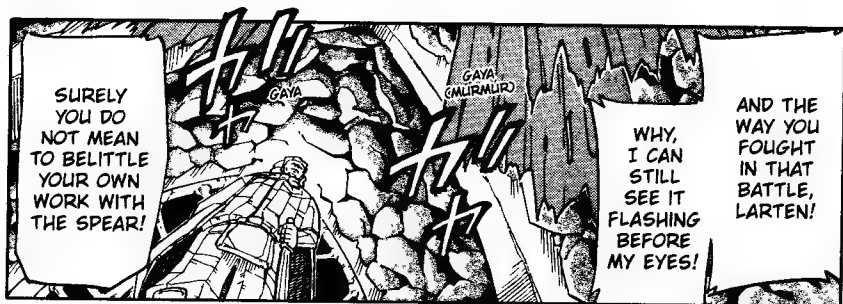
CHAPTER 31: THE HALL OF DEATH





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THE HALL OF DEATH



SURELY
YOU DO
NOT MEAN
TO BELITTLE
YOUR OWN
WORK WITH
THE SPEAR!

WHY,
I CAN
STILL
SEE IT
FLASHING
BEFORE
MY EYES!

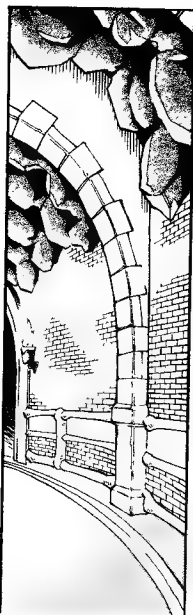
AND THE
WAY YOU
FOUGHT
IN THAT
BATTLE,
LARTEN!



GREETINGS,
DARREN.



KURDA
SMAHLT!





YOU DIDN'T
SEE MANY
ANIMALS
AROUND THE
MOUNTAIN,
DID YOU?

THAT'S WHY
WE RAISE OUR
OWN LIVESTOCK
WITHIN THE
MOUNTAIN
FOR MEAT
AND MILK.

THESE
ARE THE
KITCHENS.

THE
COOKS
WORK IN
SHIFTS
AROUND
THE CLOCK
WHEN THE
COUNCIL IS
IN SESSION.



I'VE BEEN
WORKING AT IT
FOR DECADES,
BUT IT'S EVEN
HARDER THAN
YOU MIGHT
THINK.

EACH TIME
I HAVE THE
LUXURY OF
EXPLORING,
I NOTICE OLD
TUNNELS THAT
HAVE COLLAPSED,
AND NEW ONES
THAT HAVE
OPENED UP...



THEY
CRISS-
CROSS THE
ENTIRE
MOUNTAIN,
YOU SEE.

SOME
OF THE
TUNNELS
ARE WELL
MAINTAINED,
AND SOME
AREN'T.



...THEY'VE
MOSTLY
BEEN LEFT
ALONE FOR
THOUSANDS
OF YEARS.

ASIDE
FROM THE
ONES THAT
CONNECT
THE MAJOR
HALLS...



...BUT
ONE OF MY
HOBBIES IS
MAPMAKING.
I WANT TO
MAKE AN
ACCURATE
MAP OF
VAMPIRE
MOUNTAIN.

YOU
MIGHT
LAUGH
AT THIS
CONFES-
SION...



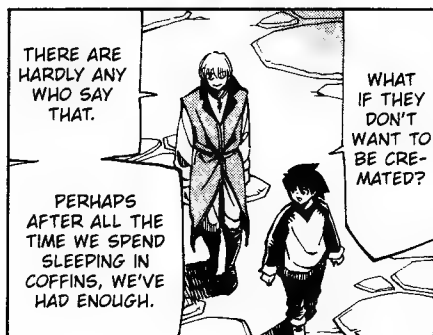
THE
OTHER
VAMPIRES
JUST
FIND IT
SILLY.

YOU'RE
ABOUT
THE ONLY
PERSON
TO EVER
SAY
THAT.



YOU
DO?

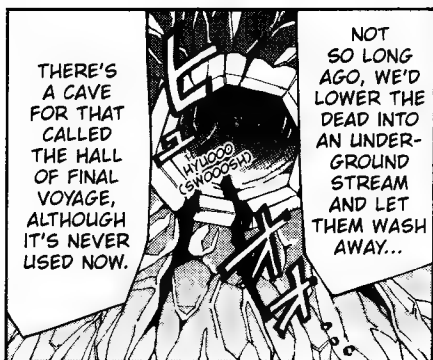
THAT'S NOT
STRANGE. I
THINK IT'S
INTEREST-
ING!



THERE ARE
HARDLY ANY
WHO SAY
THAT.

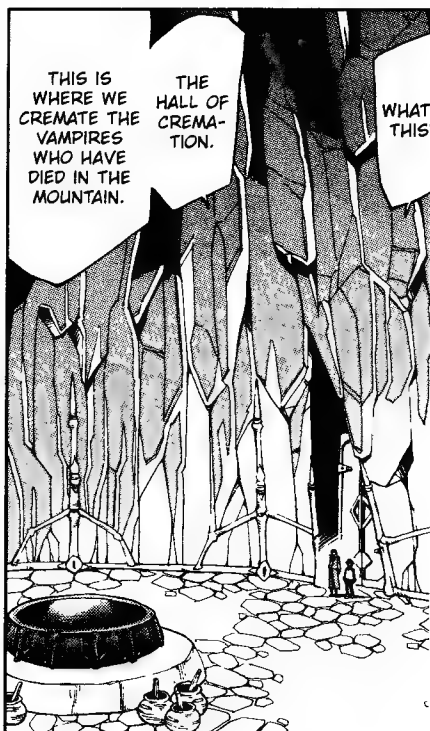
WHAT
IF THEY
DON'T
WANT TO
BE CRE-
MATED?

PERHAPS
AFTER ALL THE
TIME WE SPEND
SLEEPING IN
COFFINS, WE'VE
HAD ENOUGH.



THERE'S
A CAVE
FOR THAT
CALLED
THE HALL
OF FINAL
VOYAGE,
ALTHOUGH
IT'S NEVER
USED NOW.

NOT
SO LONG
AGO, WE'D
LOWER THE
DEAD INTO
AN UNDER-
GROUND
STREAM
AND LET
THEM WASH
AWAY...



THIS IS
WHERE WE
CREMATE THE
VAMPIRES
WHO HAVE
DIED IN THE
MOUNTAIN.

THE
HALL OF
CREMA-
TION.

WHAT
THIS?



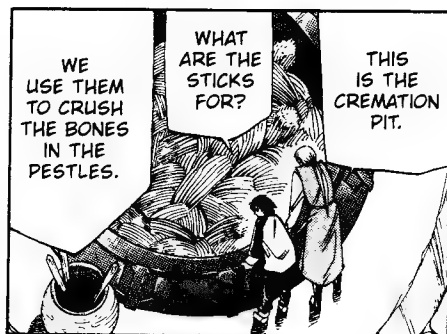
EXACTLY!
I'LL TAKE
YOU THERE
SOMEDAY.

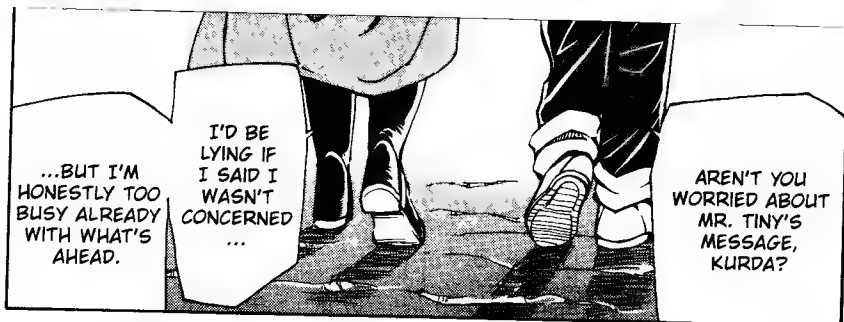
BE-
CAUSE OF
YOUR
MAPS!



ASIDE FROM
SEBA AND
THE OTHER
PRINCES, I'M
THE ONLY ONE
WHO COULD
SHOW YOU
THE WAY
THERE.

NI
(GRIN)

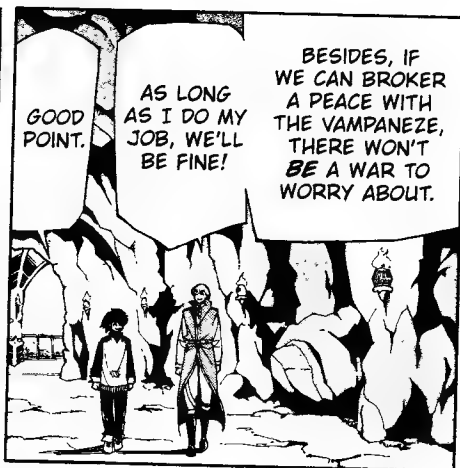




...BUT I'M
HONESTLY TOO
BUSY ALREADY
WITH WHAT'S
AHEAD.

I'D BE
LYING IF
I SAID I
WASN'T
CONCERNED
...

AREN'T YOU
WORRIED ABOUT
MR. TINY'S
MESSAGE,
KURDA?



GOOD
POINT.

AS LONG
AS I DO MY
JOB, WE'LL
BE FINE!

BESIDES, IF
WE CAN BROKER
A PEACE WITH
THE VAMPANEZE,
THERE WON'T
BE A WAR TO
WORRY ABOUT.



JUST A
MOMENT.

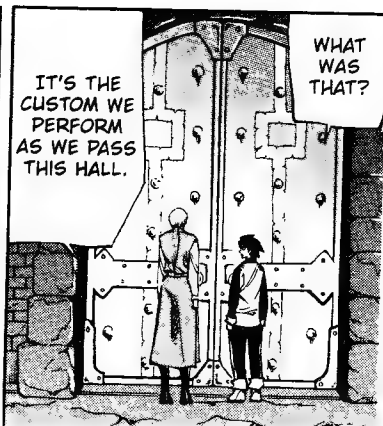


IT'S NOT
A VERY
PLEAS-
ANT
PLACE...

YOU
DON'T
WANT
TO GO IN
THERE.



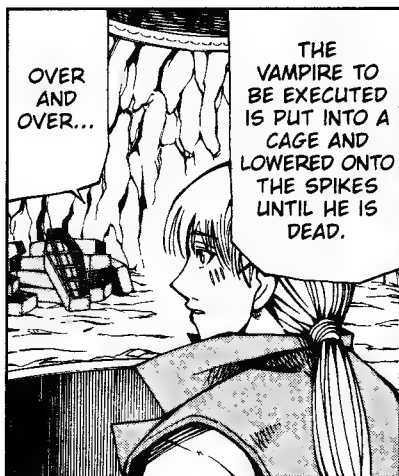
WHAT
IS IT?



IT'S THE
CUSTOM WE
PERFORM
AS WE PASS
THIS HALL.

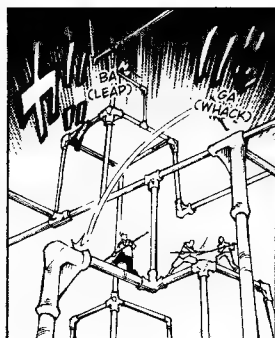
WHAT
WAS
THAT?





SFX: BLURU (SHIVER)







WHY DON'T
THEY WEAR
PROTECTIVE
CLOTHING
IF THEY'RE
USING REAL
WEAPONS?



HE LOST
AN EYE...
AND HE'S
LAUGHING
...

SFX: ZOZO (SHIVER)



YOU'RE
WRONG,
KURDA! IT'S
BECAUSE
IT IS
COWARDLY!

ARMOUR IS
VIRTUALLY
USELESS
AGAINST
SUCH
MIGHT.

THEY
USED TO IN
THE PAST, BUT
YOU KNOW THE
SPEED AND
STRENGTH OF
A VAMPIRE.

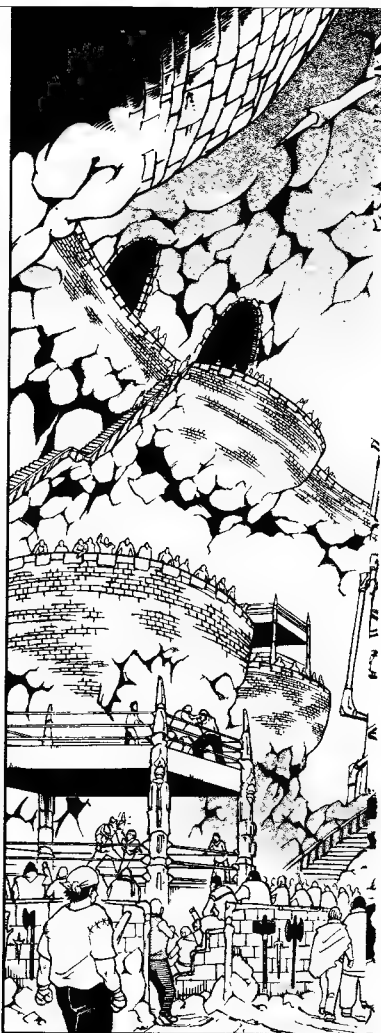
ガヤ
GAYA

ガヤ
GAYA (MURMUR)

THE
DUELS
EVOLVED
TO FAVOUR
EASE OF
MOVEMENT
RATHER
THAN PRO-
TECTION.

ガヤ
GAYA

WE'D
RATHER
DIE THAN
SUFFER THE
SHAME OF
DONNING
ARMOUR!



SFX: UOOO (RAHHH) / FU (HEH) FU FU

...
VANEZ.

I WISH
YOU'D TAKE
A MORE
LOGICAL
VIEW OF THE
SITUATION...

THERE
ARE TIMES
WHEN I
DON'T KNOW
MY OWN
PEOPLE AT
ALL...



HEH!
NOT
HALF
BAD!

ZA
(ZSHH)

DARREN,
THIS IS
VANEZ
BLANE,
A GAMES
MASTER.

YO!

I-IS THAT
HOW YOU
LOST YOUR
EYE...?

ハハ
+
ハハ
+
GAYA
(CHURNING)
GAYA

DID THAT
MATCH
SCARE
YOU?

ハハ
+
ハハ
+
GAYA

I JUST
WATCH OVER
THE HALL TO
MAKE SURE
PEOPLE CAN
GET INJURED
OR KILLED
ANY WAY
THEY WANT!

IT'S
A FANCY
TITLE, BUT
IT DOESN'T
MEAN MUCH.

WHAT'S
A GAMES
MASTER?

A
LION?

NO, I LOST
MINE IN A
FIGHT WITH
A LION!



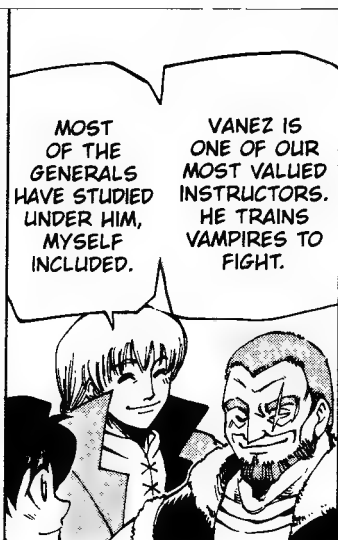
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A VAMPIRE WHO DIDN'T LIKE BLOOD?

KURDA WAS FAST AS AN EEL, AND WIRY, BUT HE HATED GETTING HIS HANDS BLOODY.

HA HA HA

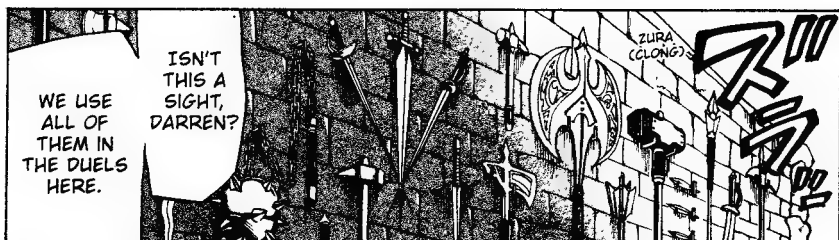
VANEZ!

SHEESH



MOST OF THE GENERALS HAVE STUDIED UNDER HIM, MYSELF INCLUDED.

VANEZ IS ONE OF OUR MOST VALUED INSTRUCTORS. HE TRAINS VAMPIRES TO FIGHT.



WE USE ALL OF THEM IN THE DUELS HERE.

ISN'T THIS A SIGHT, DARREN?

ZURA (CLONG)



DOSASA (THWOMP)

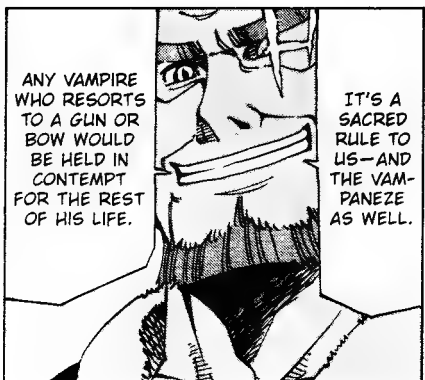


WAA (CRAHH)



WE ONLY FIGHT HAND TO HAND. NO MISSILE WEAPONS.

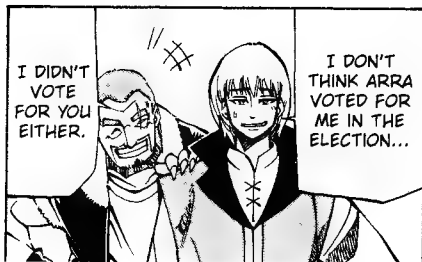
THERE ARE NO GUNS OR BOWS AND ARROWS.



ANY VAMPIRE WHO RESORTS TO A GUN OR BOW WOULD BE HELD IN CONTEMPT FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

IT'S A SACRED RULE TO US—AND THE VAM-PANEZE AS WELL.









SFX: FUN CHIMPHO





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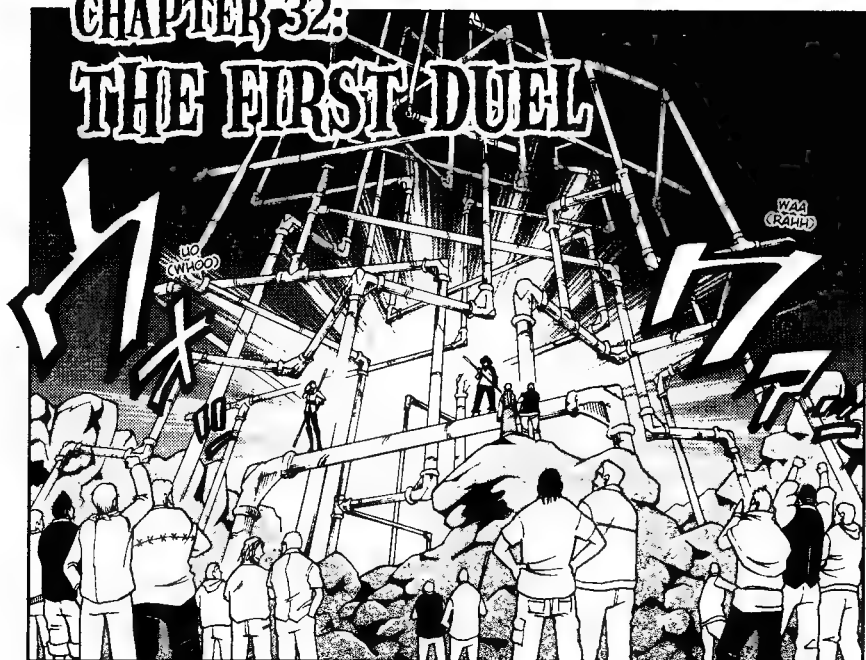
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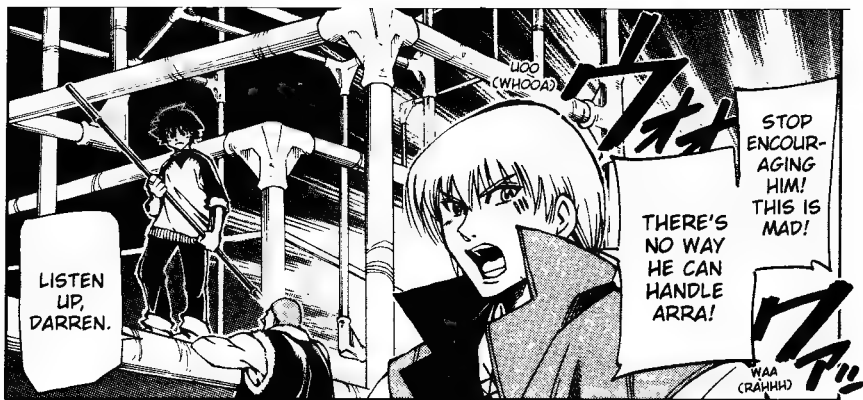
CHAPTER 32: THE FIRST DUEL



I'LL
HAVE THAT
HANDSHAKE,
WHETHER SHE
LIKES IT OR
NOT!!



I'M NOT
GOING TO
BACK DOWN
AFTER SHE
HUMILIATED
ME!



LISTEN
UP,
DARREN.

UOO
(WHOOA)

THERE'S
NO WAY
HE CAN
HANDLE
ARRA!

STOP
ENCOUR-
AGING
HIM!
THIS IS
MAD!

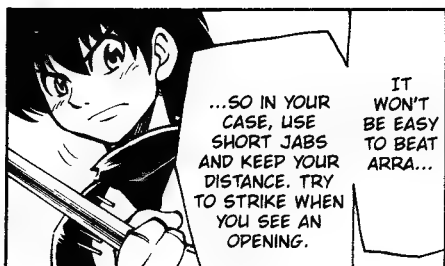
WAA
(RAHHH)

ARRA HASN'T
LOST A
MATCH ON
THE BARS
IN ELEVEN
YEARS,
DARREN!

YOU
CAN STILL
QUIT NOW,
WHILE
THERE'S
TIME!

KNOCK
YOUR OP-
PONENT
OFF THE
BARS
ONTO THE
GROUND.

THE
RULES
ARE
SIMPLE:



...SO IN YOUR
CASE, USE
SHORT JABS
AND KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE. TRY
TO STRIKE WHEN
YOU SEE AN
OPENING.

IT
WON'T
BE EASY
TO BEAT
ARRA...



FACE
EACH
OTHER!

NOW
FIGHT
!!

PAN
(CLAP)

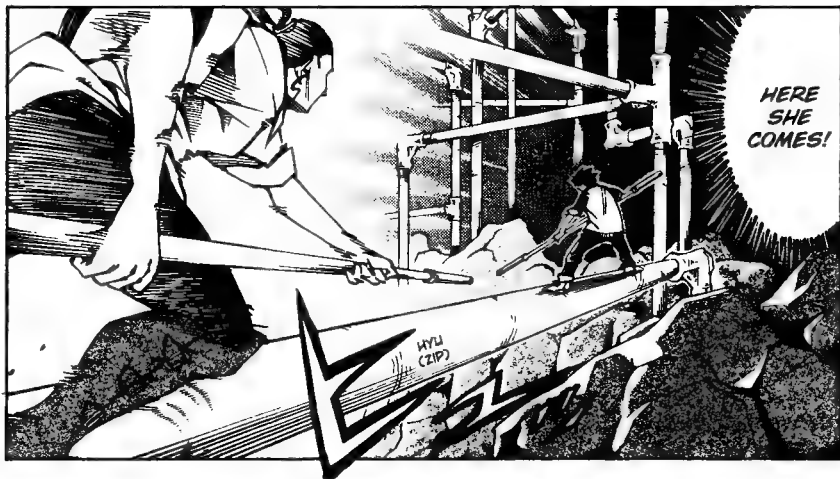


DARREN...



ALL THE
MORE
WORTH
TRYING.

I DIDN'T
KNOW SHE
WAS THAT
TOUGH...







THE
LITTLE
HALF-
VAMPIRE
HAS
SPIRIT.

OH?

MUCH
LIKE
SOMEONE
ELSE I
KNOW...



COME
ON—I'M
READY.

I'M FINE.
I CAN
HANDLE
THIS,
KURDA
...



BA
BLEAP



LIKE
SOMEONE
ELSE?

WHO COULD
THAT BE?



EYES
UP
FRONT!

BWA
(BWOOOSH)

COME
ON!



R R G H...!

GA
(WHAK)

KA
(TOK)

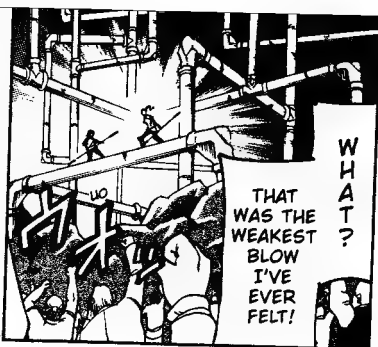
KA





...YOU CAN STRAP ME INTO A CAGE IN THE HALL OF DEATH AND DROP ME ON THE STAKES!

BETTER WATCH YOURSELF, ARRA. IF THE BOY BEATS YOU...



WHAT?
THAT WAS THE WEAKEST BLOW I'VE EVER FELT!



G1
(GLARE)



SHA
(HOP)

SHA

JZA
(SHU)



I'M THE ONE WHO HAS TO BE CAREFUL!



I WON'T STAND A CHANCE IF WE KEEP TRADING BLOWS!

THAT LAST ONE WAS JUST A LUCKY SHOT.



I'VE GOT TO TAKE VANEZ'S ADVICE AND KEEP MY DISTANCE UNTIL I CAN STRIKE!



BA
(LEAP)

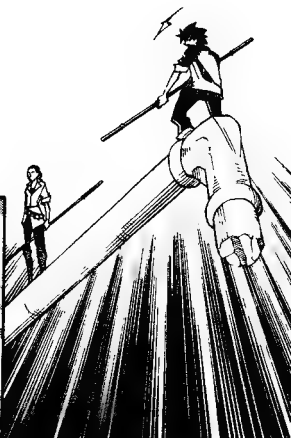
OH,
HELL!



GUSHU
(leap)



TRAPPED IN
A CORNER!
SHE OUTMA-
NOUVREDS
ME...



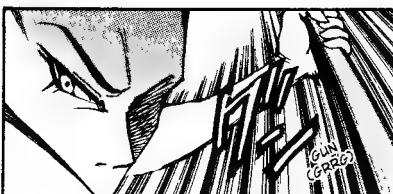
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DOBACHI
(THWACK)

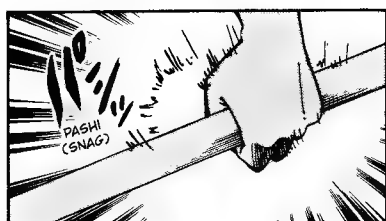
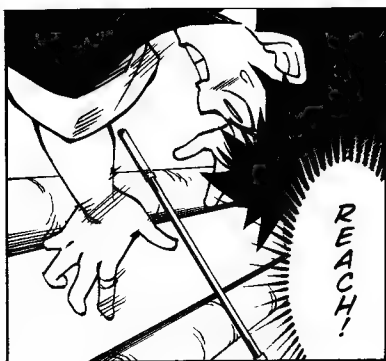


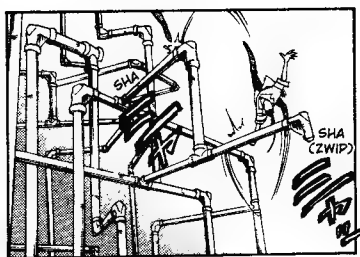
NO WAY!
HOW DID
SHE GET
PAST ME?

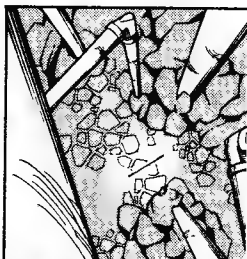
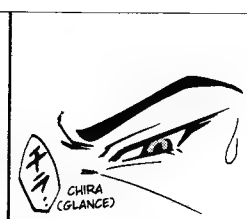


GUSHU
(leap)

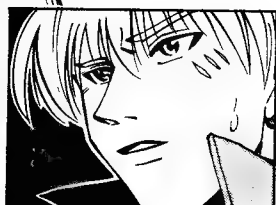


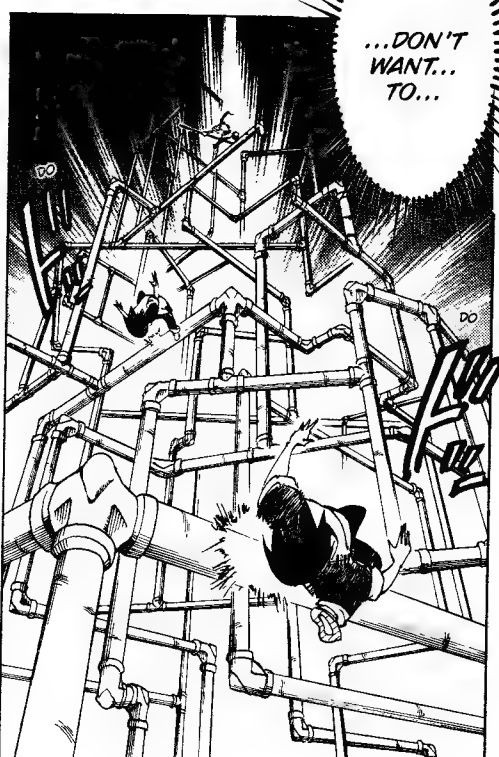
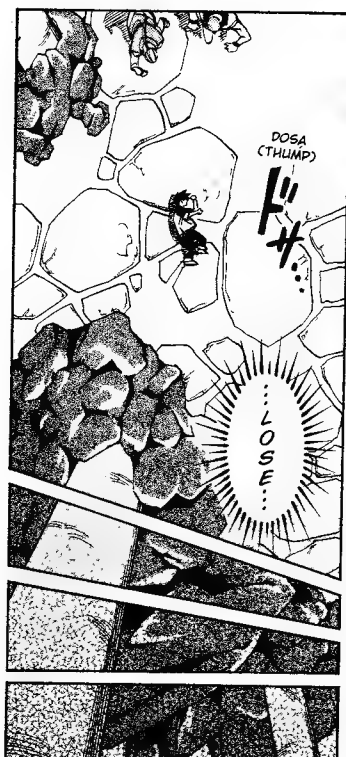
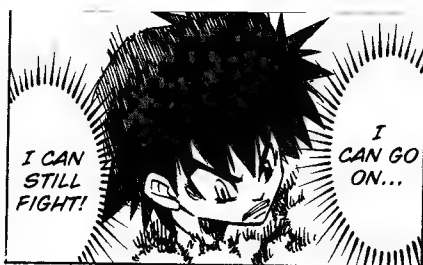












...DON'T WANT... TO...





...AND
FIGHT
YOU TILL
YOU DO!



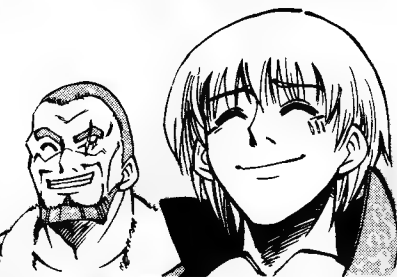
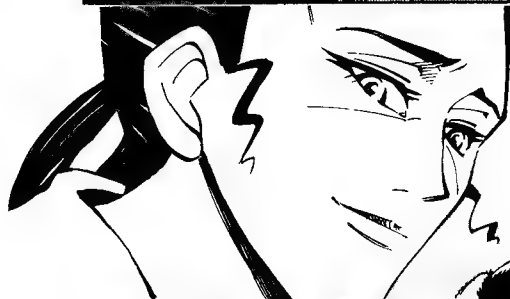
I'LL
GET
BACK
UP ON
THE
BARS
...



POW-
ER.



POWER
TO YOU,
DARREN
SHAN.





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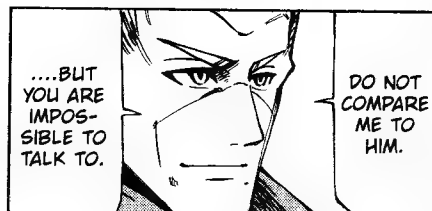
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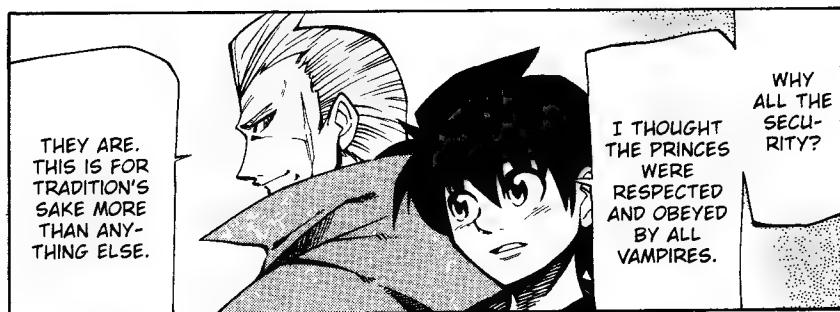


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CHAPTER 33: THE HALL OF PRINCES









I'M... FINE. NOTHING TO... WORRY ABOUT.

HOW ARE YOU DOING, HARKAT?



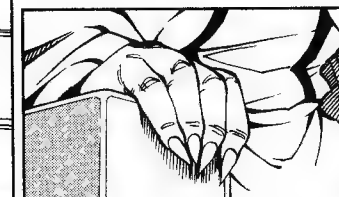
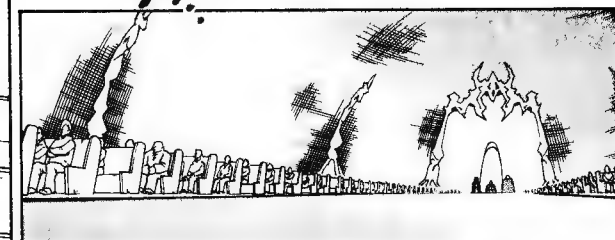
SFX: ZAWA (MURMUR) ZAWA



HAVE YOU RECOVERED YET?

WHAT IN HEAVEN WERE YOU THINKING?

I HEARD ABOUT YOUR BOLT WITH ARRA!







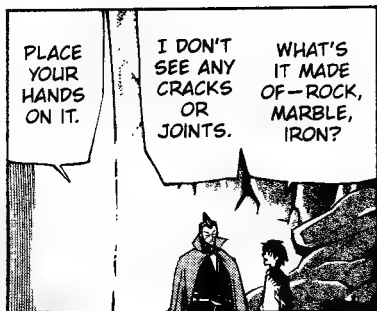
DOKUN
(THUMP)

IT IS THE
TOUGHEST
MATERIAL
KNOWN TO
MAN OR
VAMPIRE.

NOTHING CAN
PENETRATE
ITS WALLS...
NO TOOL,
EXPLOSIVE
OR ACID.

WHERE
DID IT
COME
FROM?

DOKUN



PLACE
YOUR
HANDS
ON IT.

I DON'T
SEE ANY
CRACKS
OR
JOINTS.

WHAT'S
IT MADE
OF—ROCK,
MARBLE,
IRON?



AND IT
THROBS!

OH!
IT'S
WARM!



IF
ANYTHING,
BOTH
ANSWERS
PROBABLY
INVOLVE
MAGIC.

WE DO
NOT KNOW
WHAT THE
MATERIAL
IS, OR HOW
IT WAS
BUILT.

...MR. TINY
PRESENTED
US WITH
THIS DOME
AND THE
STONE OF
BLOOD.

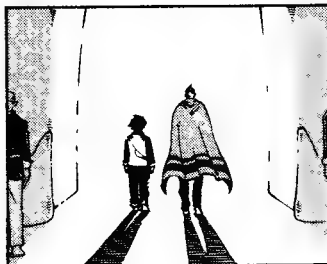
CENTURIES
AGO,
AFTER THE
VAMPANEZE
BROKE AWAY
FROM THE
VAMPIRES
...

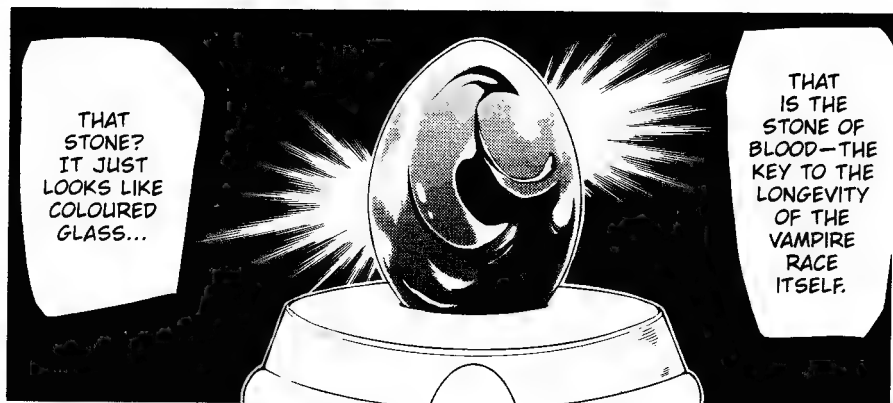
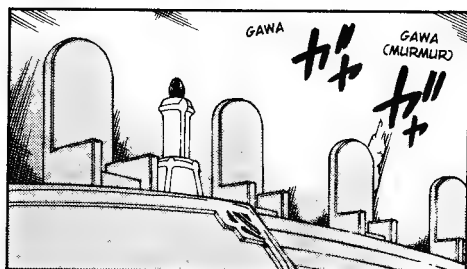
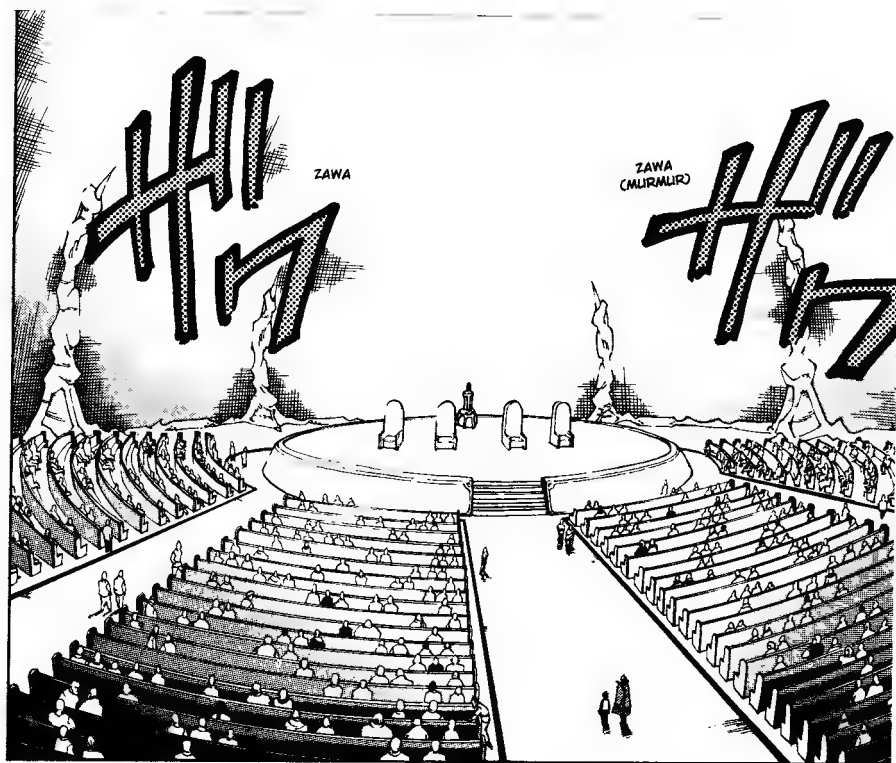


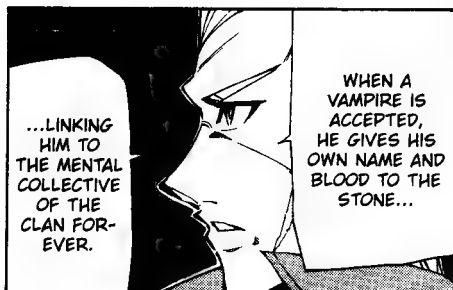
PAA
(GLOW)

THE
ENTIRE
STRUCTURE
IS
GLOWING!

IT'S
EVEN
BRIGHTER
INSIDE...

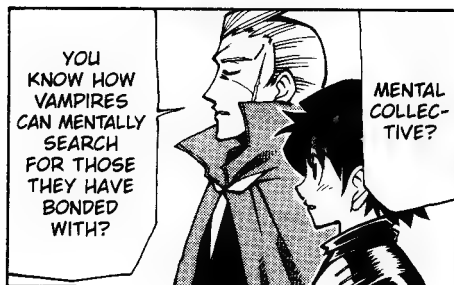






...LINKING HIM TO THE MENTAL COLLECTIVE OF THE CLAN FOREVER.

WHEN A VAMPIRE IS ACCEPTED, HE GIVES HIS OWN NAME AND BLOOD TO THE STONE...



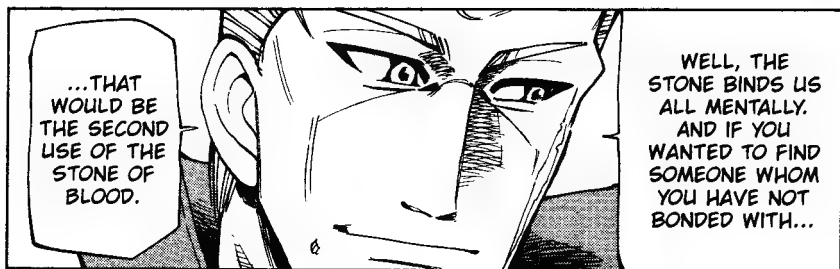
YOU KNOW HOW VAMPIRES CAN MENTALLY SEARCH FOR THOSE THEY HAVE BONDED WITH?

MENTAL COLLECTIVE?



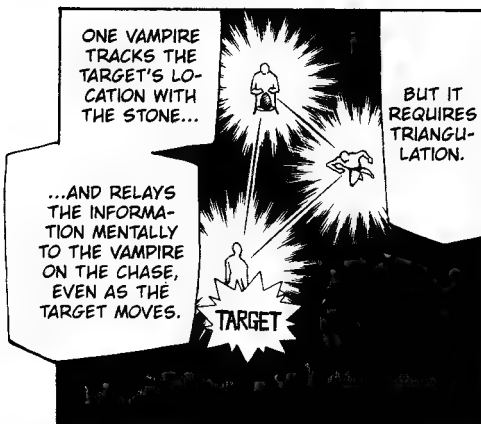
FIRST, TO REGISTER A NEW VAMPIRE TO THE FOLD.

THE STONE SERVES FOUR PURPOSES, BROADLY SPEAKING.



...THAT WOULD BE THE SECOND USE OF THE STONE OF BLOOD.

WELL, THE STONE BINDS US ALL MENTALLY. AND IF YOU WANTED TO FIND SOMEONE WHOM YOU HAVE NOT BONDED WITH...



ONE VAMPIRE TRACKS THE TARGET'S LOCATION WITH THE STONE...

BUT IT REQUIRES TRIANGULATION.

...AND RELAYS THE INFORMATION MENTALLY TO THE VAMPIRE ON THE CHASE, EVEN AS THE TARGET MOVES.



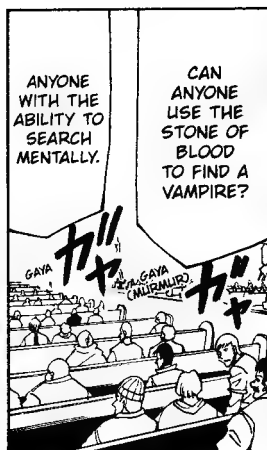
ANYONE, AS LONG AS THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES TO THE STONE.

EVEN IF THEY DIDN'T WANT TO BE FOUND?



WHAT
IF THE
VAMPANEZE
GOT THEIR
HANDS ON
IT, AND...

ISN'T
THE STONE
DANGEROUS
THEN?



ANYONE
WITH THE
ABILITY TO
SEARCH
MENTALLY.

CAN
ANYONE
USE THE
STONE OF
BLOOD
TO FIND A
VAMPIRE?



HM
HM
HM



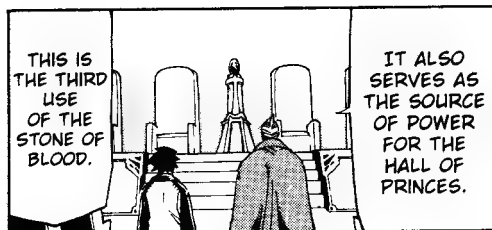
...
UNTIL THE
VAMPIRE
RACE HAD
COME TO
AN END.

IF THAT
WERE TO
PASS, THEY
WOULD HUNT
US DOWN
ONE BY
ONE...

PASA
(FLAP)

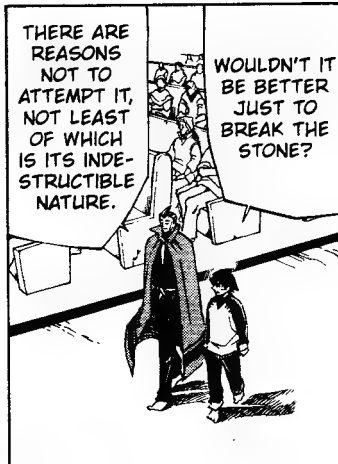
1104...

YOUR
REASONING IS
IMPRESSIVE,
MASTER
SHAN.



THIS IS
THE THIRD
USE
OF THE
STONE OF
BLOOD.

IT ALSO
SERVES AS
THE SOURCE
OF POWER
FOR THE
HALL OF
PRINCES.



THERE ARE
REASONS
NOT TO
ATTEMPT IT,
NOT LEAST
OF WHICH
IS ITS INDE-
STRUCTIBLE
NATURE.

WOULDN'T IT
BE BETTER
JUST TO
BREAK THE
STONE?



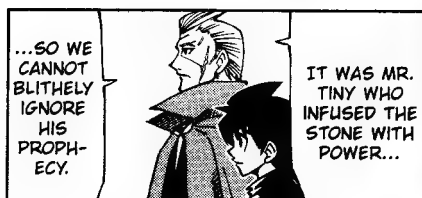
...IS THE
FOURTH
AND
FINAL
USE.

BUT
MOST
IMPOR-
TANT OF
ALL...



IT IS OUR
ONLY HOPE
TO COMBAT
THE
VAMPANEZE
LORD OF
MR. TINY'S
PROPHECY.

THE STONE
OF BLOOD
IS THE VERY
SYMBOL OF
VAMPIRE
ORDER AND
UNITY.



...SO WE
CANNOT
BLITHELY
IGNORE
HIS
PROPHECY.

IT WAS MR.
TINY WHO
INFUSED THE
STONE WITH
POWER...



NOW MORE
THAN EVER,
WE MUST
PROTECT
THE STONE.



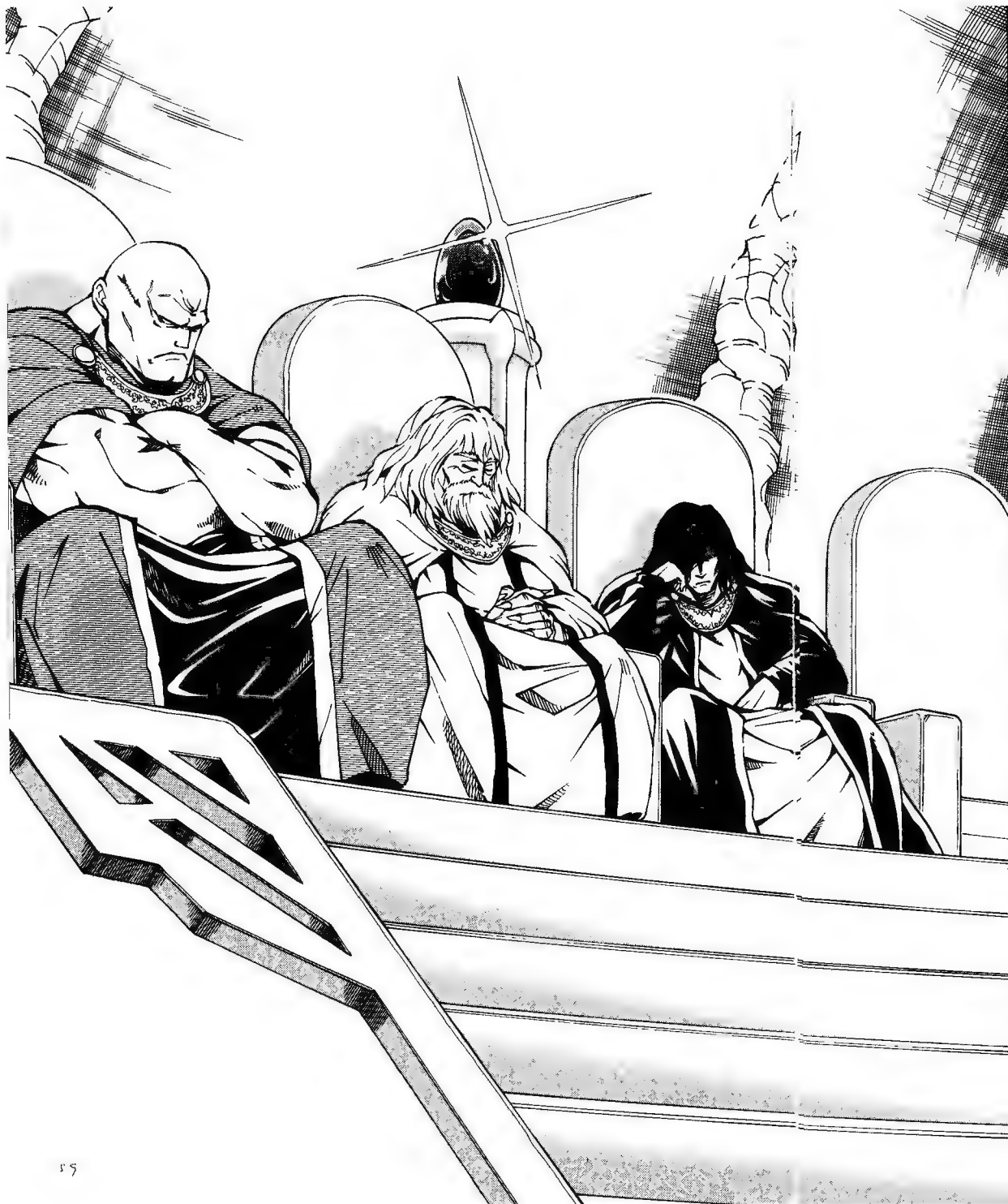
AS LONG AS
WE'VE GOT
THE STONE OF
BLOOD, THERE'S
A CHANCE THAT
VAMPIRES MIGHT
RISE FROM THE
ASHES...



IT'S
GAVNER
AND
KURDA!

AND
HARKAT!

DARREN,
LARTEN!



I'M... FINE. NOTHING TO... WORRY ABOUT.

HOW ARE YOU DOING, HARKAT?

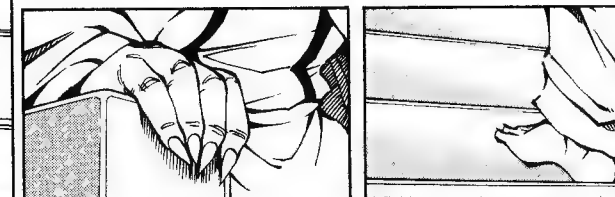
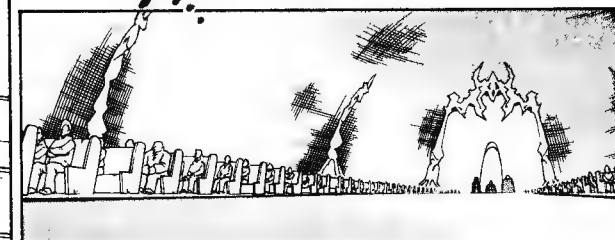


SFX: ZAWA (MURMUR) ZAWA

HAVE YOU RECOVERED YET?

WHAT IN HEAVEN WERE YOU THINKING?

I HEARD ABOUT YOUR BOUT WITH ARRA!

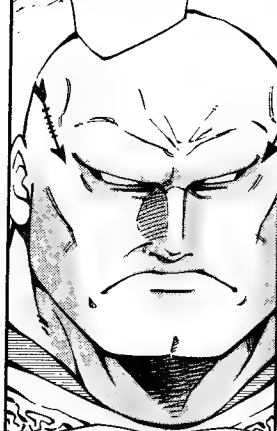


THERE IS ONE MORE PRINCE WHO IS ABSENT, BUT THERE WILL ALWAYS BE AT LEAST ONE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL TIMES.



DARREN, THOSE ARE OUR LEADERS, THE VAMPIRE PRINCES.

FINALLY, THERE IS ARROW.



...BUT RETURNED TO US WHEN SHE WAS MURDERED BY A VAMPANEZE. HE IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF ANTI-VAMPANEZE SENTIMENT.

HE MARRIED A HUMAN WOMAN IN THE PAST, LEAVING OUR KIND ...

IN THE CENTRE IS PARIS SKYLE.



...AND A LIVING LEGEND.

HE IS THE OLDEST LIVING VAMPIRE AT OVER 800 YEARS...

ON OUR RIGHT IS MIKA VER LETH.



HE IS THE YOUNGEST OF THE CURRENT PRINCES AT 270 YEARS OF AGE AND IS A FIERCE WARRIOR.



TIME
TO GO.

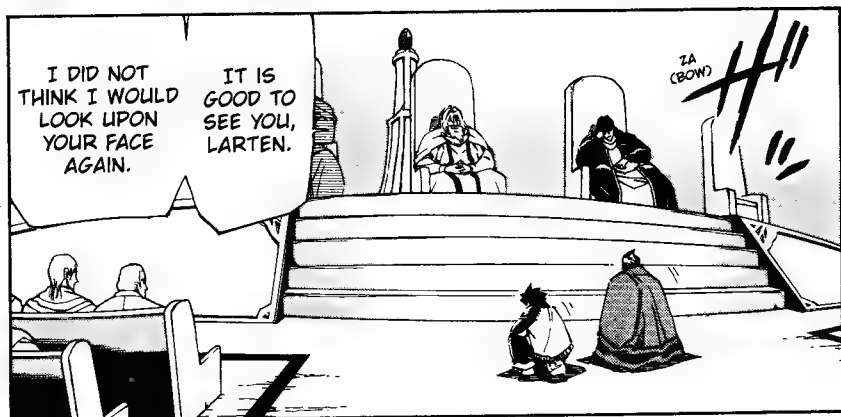


DARREN
SHAN, TO
THE FRONT!

LARTEN
CREPSLEY!

GATA
(THUMP)

AT
ONCE!



I DID NOT
THINK I WOULD
LOOK UPON
YOUR FACE
AGAIN.

IT IS
GOOD TO
SEE YOU,
LARTEN.

ZA
(CBOW)



HE'S
JUST A
BOY! WHAT
POSSESSED
YOU TO...



GAVNER
PURL HAS
SPOKEN AP-
PROVINGLY
OF HIM.

THIS MUST
BE YOUR
ASSISTANT,
DARREN
SHAN.



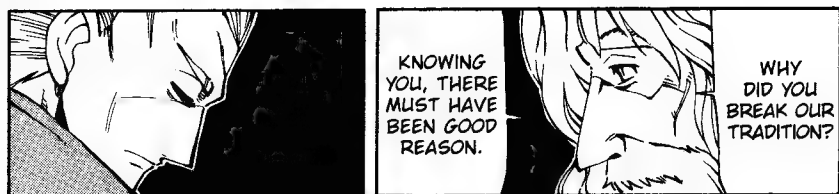
HEH-HEH

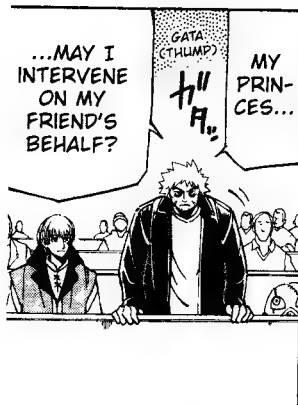
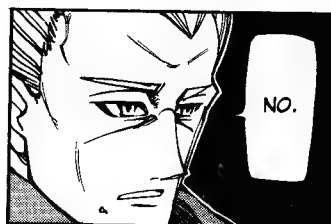
I THOUGHT
IT WAS TOO
HANDSOME
A FACE TO
HIDE!



...MIKA.

LET
US NOT
SPEAK
RASHLY
OF LAR-
TEN...







I DON'T
KNOW IF
I CAN DO
THAT...



WE
WELCOME
YOUR
INPUT, IF IT
CAN CLEAR
THINGS UP.

BY ALL
MEANS,
GAVNER,
SPEAK.



...IS AN
EXTRA-
ORDI-
NARY
BOY!

BUT I'D
LIKE TO
NOTE
THAT
DARREN
...



I'M SURE
YOU HAVE
HEARD
OF HIS
CONTEST
WITH ARRA
SAILS, AS
WELL.

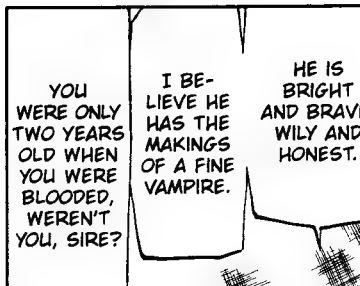
...AND
FOUGHT
A BEAR
POISONED
WITH VAM-
PANEZE
BLOOD
ALONG THE
WAY.

HE MADE
THE TREK
TO VAMPIRE
MOUNTAIN—
NO SMALL
FEAT FOR
ONE HIS
AGE...



IT
WILL SET A
DANGEROUS
PRECEDENT
IF THE ACT
OF BLOODING
A YOUNG BOY
IS ALLOWED
TO PASS!

BUT
THAT'S
NOT THE
POINT!



YOU
WERE ONLY
TWO YEARS
OLD WHEN
YOU WERE
BLOODED,
WEREN'T
YOU, SIRE?

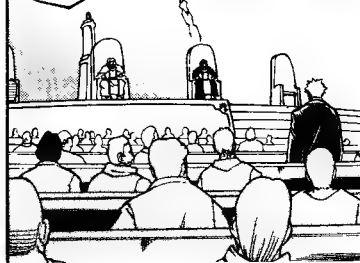
I BE-
LIEVE HE
HAS THE
MAKINGS
OF A FINE
VAMPIRE.

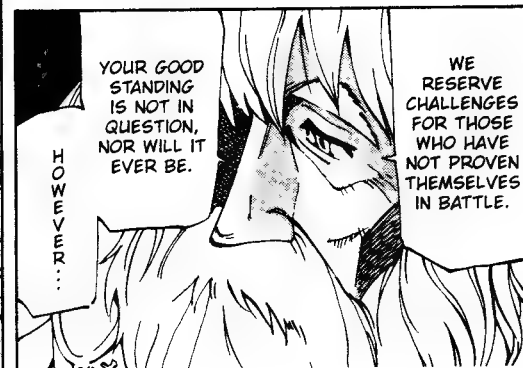
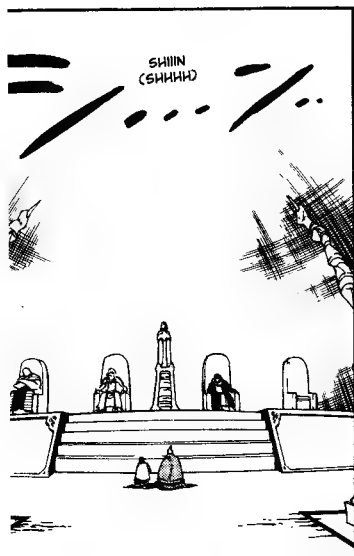
HE IS
BRIGHT
AND BRAVI
WILY AND
HONEST.

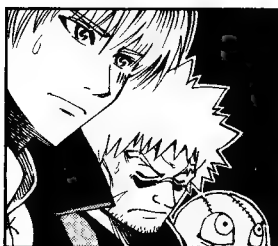
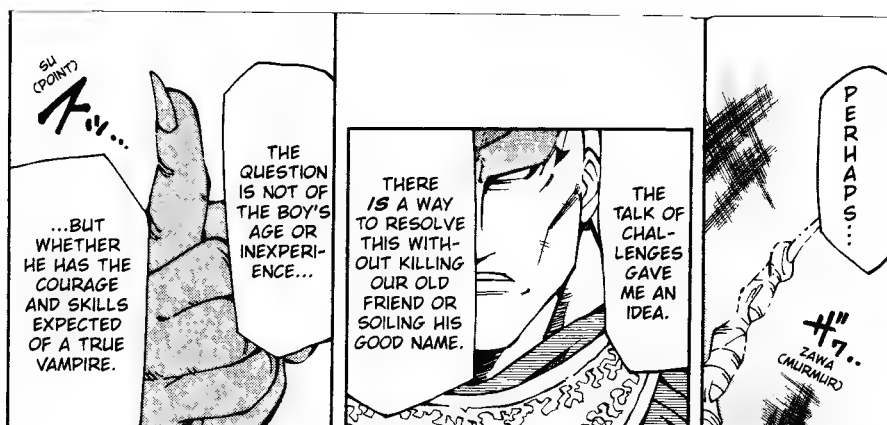


WE MUST
ADDRESS
THE ISSUE OF
LARTEN'S
ACTIONS.

MIKA IS
RIGHT.









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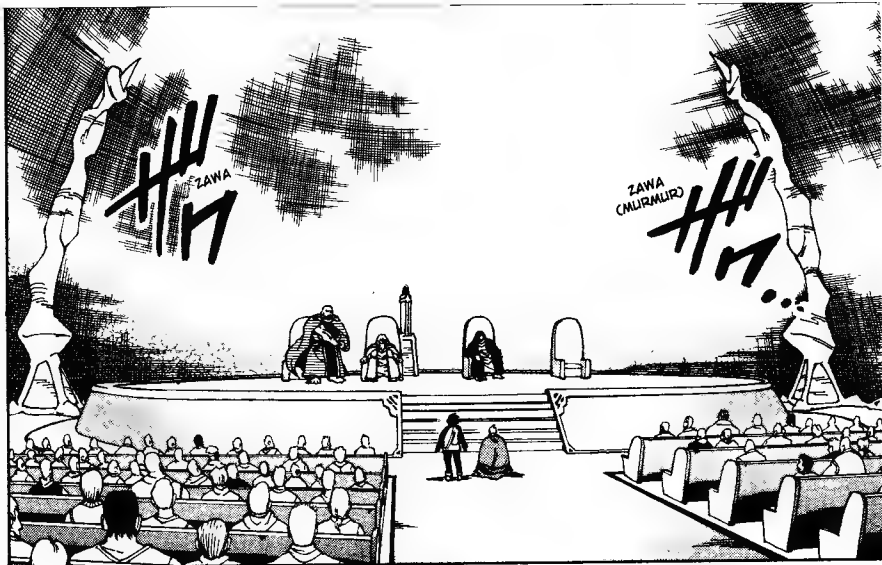
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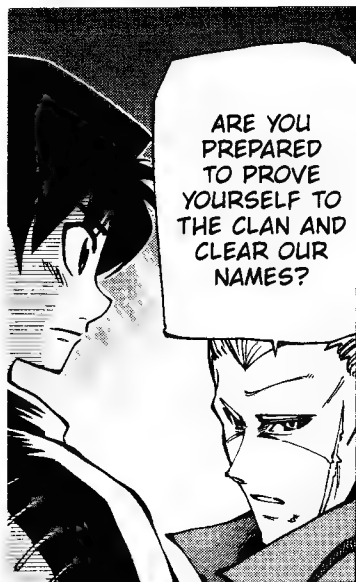


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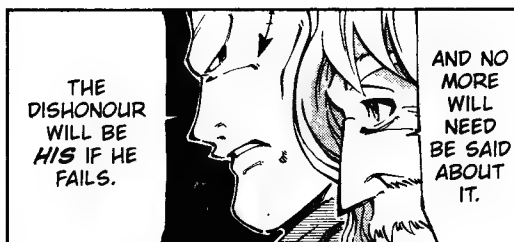
CHAPTER 34: THE TRIALS OF INITIATION







ARE YOU
PREPARED
TO PROVE
YOURSELF TO
THE CLAN AND
CLEAR OUR
NAMES?



THE
DISHONOUR
WILL BE
HIS IF HE
FAILS.

AND NO
MORE
WILL
NEED
BE SAID
ABOUT
IT.



I WILL NOT
FORCE A
CHALLENGE
ON HIM.

VERY WELL.
BUT THE
DECISION IS
DARREN'S,
NOT MINE.



...WHAT
SORT OF A
CHALLENGE
ARE WE
TALKING
ABOUT,
EXACTLY?

UM...



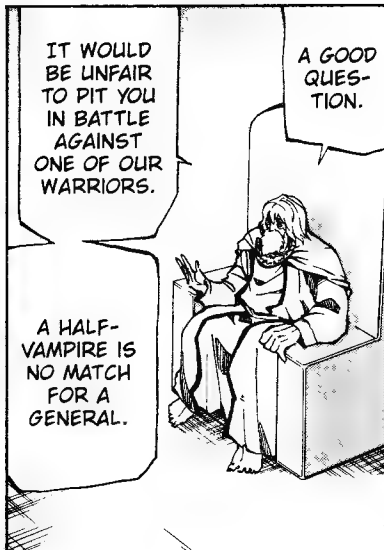
NO
!!!

DA
(STOMP)



WHICH
LEAVES
ONLY...

AND A
QUEST
WOULD
TAKE TOO
LONG.



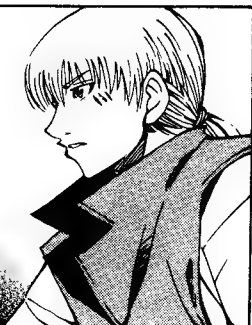
IT WOULD
BE UNFAIR
TO PIT YOU
IN BATTLE
AGAINST
ONE OF OUR
WARRIORS.

A GOOD
QUES-
TION.

A HALF-
VAMPIRE IS
NO MATCH
FOR A
GENERAL.



THE TRIALS OF INITIATION ARE TESTS FOR VAMPIRES WHO WISH TO BECOME GENERALS.



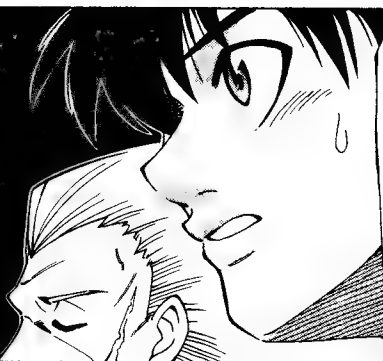
YOU HAVE.



MY APOLOGIES FOR SPEAKING OUT OF TURN, SIRE.

HAVE I THE PERMISSION OF THE PRINCES TO SPEAK?

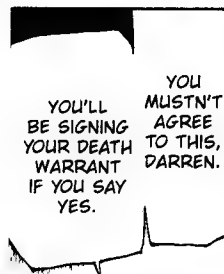
THE TRIALS OF INITIATION ...



THEY WERE NOT DESIGNED FOR A HALF-VAMPIRE CHILD. IT WOULD NOT BE FAIR.

YOU'LL BE SIGNING YOUR DEATH WARRANT IF YOU SAY YES.

YOU MUSTN'T AGREE TO THIS, DARREN.



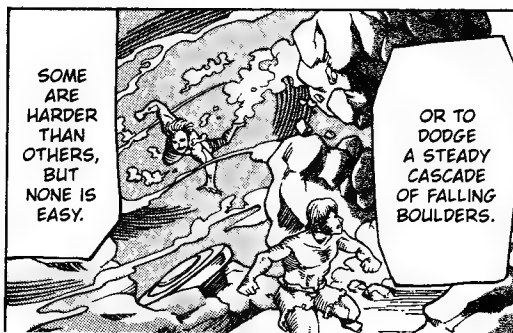
THE VAMPIRE IS NOT TOLD OF THEIR TASK UNTIL JUST BEFORE-HAND.



THE TESTS ARE PICKED AT RANDOM AND ARE WIDELY VARIED.

IT WILL INVOLVE FIVE ACTS OF PHYSICAL COURAGE.

SOME ARE HARDER THAN OTHERS, BUT NONE IS EASY.



OR TO DODGE A STEADY CASCADE OF FALLING BOULDERS.

IT MIGHT BE TO DIVE INTO A DEEP POOL TO RETRIEVE A MEDALLION.





I DIS-
AGREE.



THEY'RE
FOR FULL
VAMPIRES,
DARREN.

YOU AREN'T
STRONG,
QUICK OR
EXPERIENCED
ENOUGH FOR
THE TRIALS OF
INITIATION.



I SAY
IT'S THE
TRIALS.

LET'S
VOTE
ON IT.

AR-
ROW?



P-
A-
R-
I-
S?

I
AGREE.
THE
TRIALS.



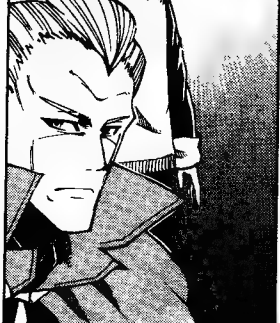
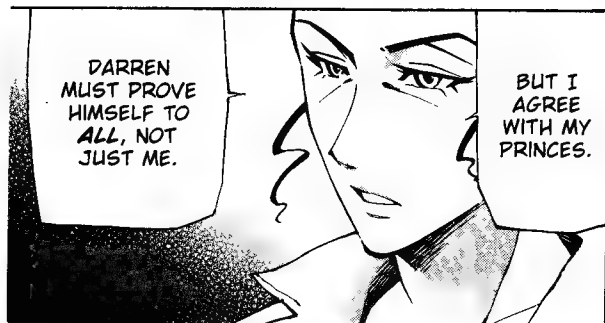
I FEAR
YOUR
OPTIMISM
MAY BE
MIS-
PLACED.

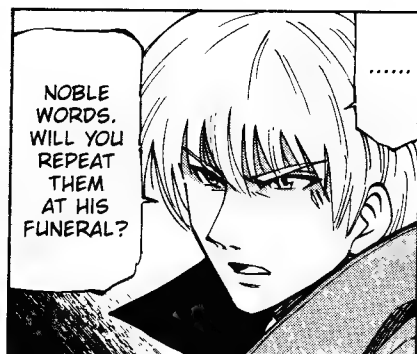
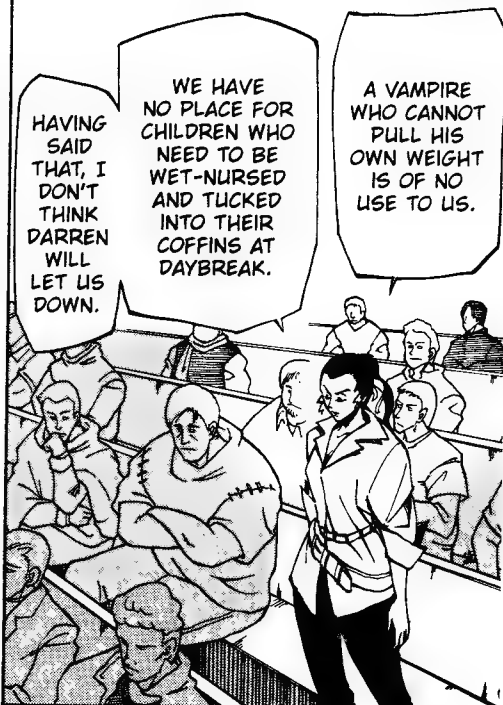
HMM...
KURDA
DOES
HAVE A
POINT,
LARTEN.



I WOULD
NOT LET AN
ASSISTANT STEP
FORWARD IF
I THOUGHT
HE WOULD BE
OUT OF HIS
DEPTH.

DARREN
IS CAPABLE
OF PASSING
THE TRIALS.







HOW
MANY THINK
DARREN
SHOULD
UNDERTAKE
THE TRIALS
OF
INITIATION?

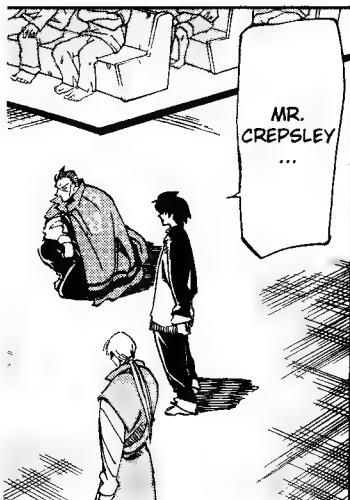
LET US
PUT IT
TO THE
HALL.

YES,
ARRA. I
SEE YOUR
POINT.



WHAT
ABOUT
YOU,
DARREN?

ARE YOU
PREPARED
TO FACE
THEM?



MR.
CREPSLEY
...

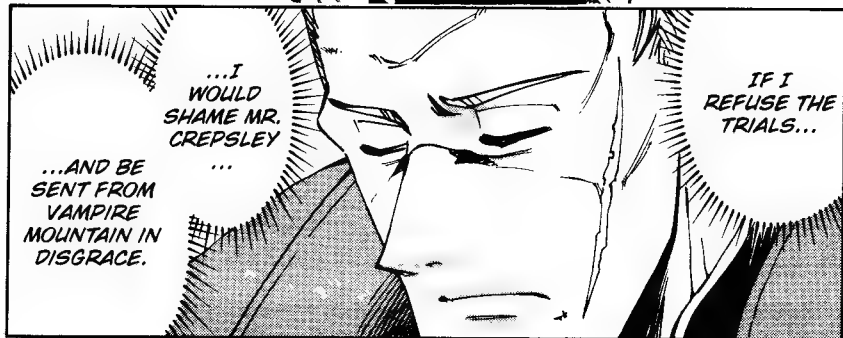


SFX: CHIRA (GLANCE)



FOLLOW
YOUR
HEART.

SIMPLY
DO AS
YOU WILL,
DARREN.



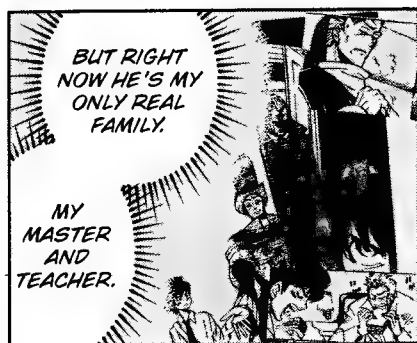


NO
ONE IS AS
STUBBORN
AS HE IS.

I'VE BEEN
AROUND HIM
FOR EIGHT
YEARS.

...HE'D
TRY TO
TAKE
RESPON-
SIBILITY,
EVEN IF
IT MEANT
HIS OWN
DEATH.

AND
KNOWING
MR.
CREPS-
LEY...



BUT RIGHT
NOW HE'S MY
ONLY REAL
FAMILY.

MY
MASTER
AND
TEACHER.



I'VE
HATED
HIM.

I'VE EVEN
WISHED I
COULD KILL
HIM...



UH...

HOW ABOUT
IT, DARREN? WILL
YOU FACE DEATH
JUST TO PROVE
YOURSELF TO
THESE FOOLS?



BUT...



NO.



UH...

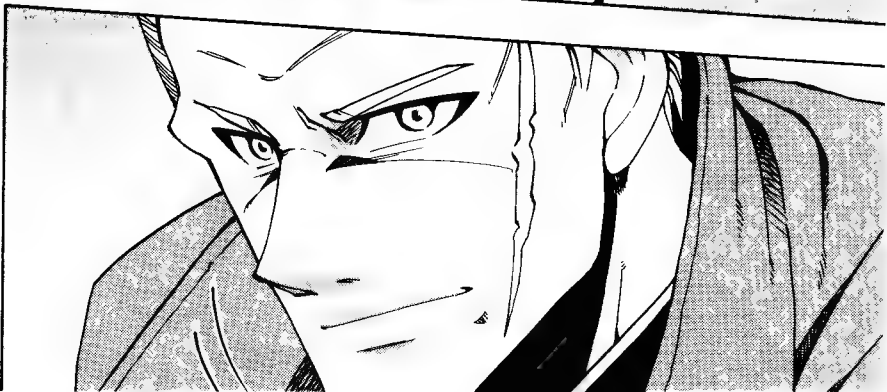


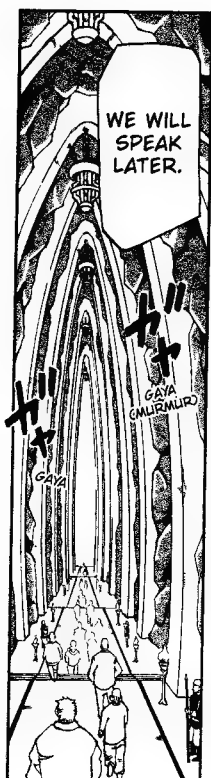
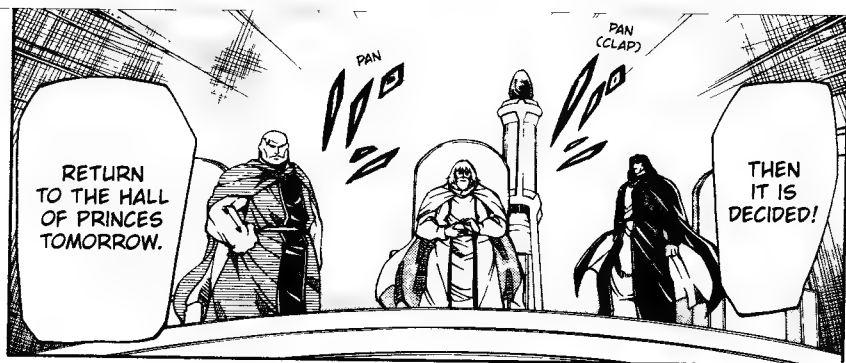


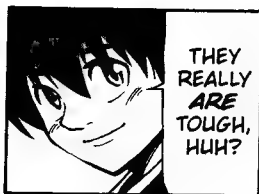
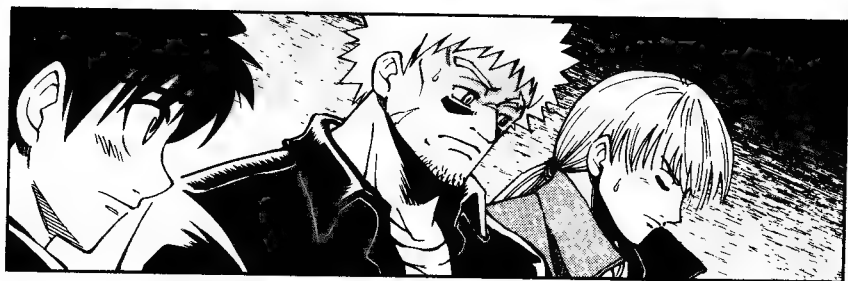
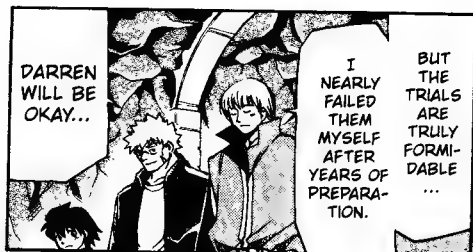
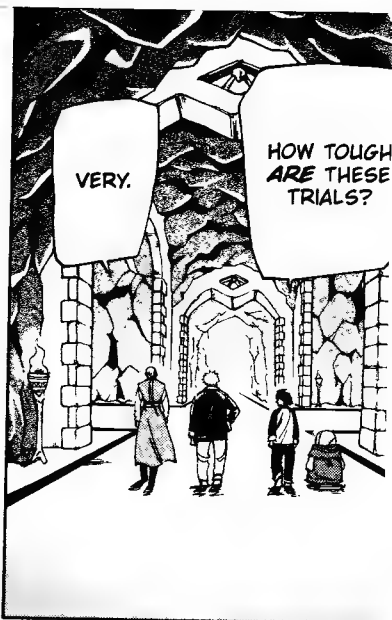
I WILL
TAKE
THE
TRIALS!

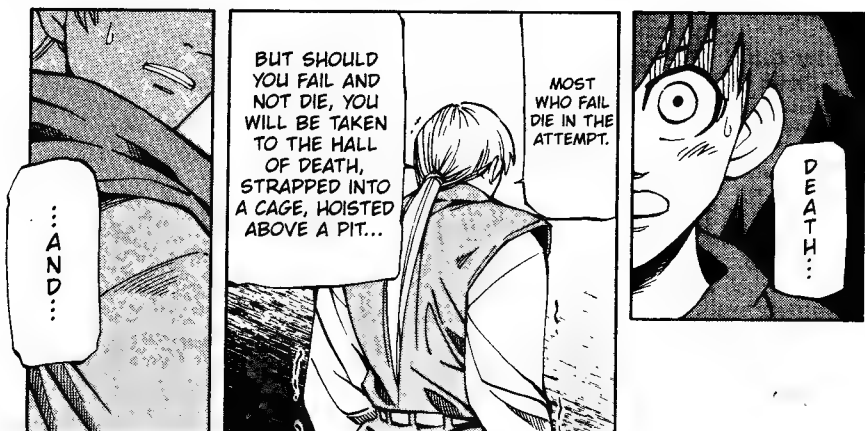
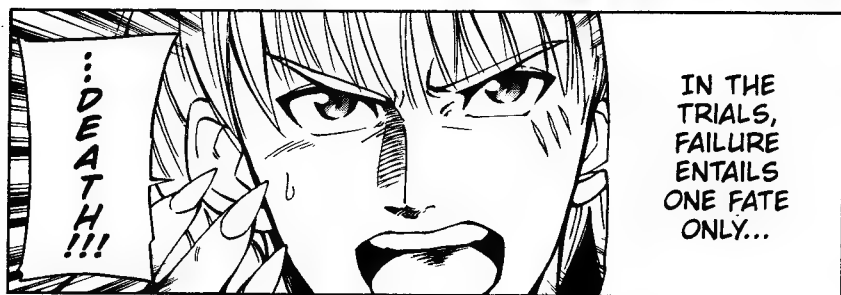
...TO
PROVE
MYSELF
TO ME!!

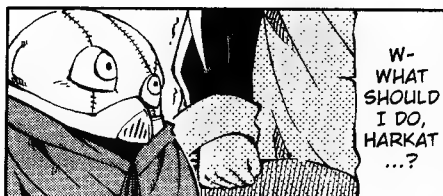
...I'LL
FACE
DEATH...











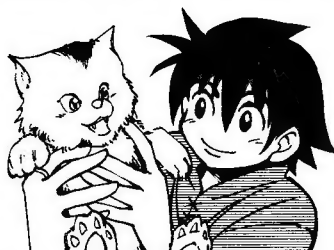
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CIRQUE DU FREAK
MANGA VERSION

(SORT OF)!!

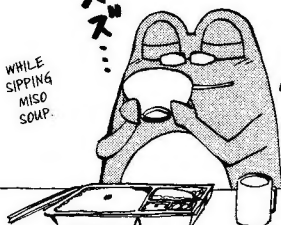
PART 4!!!



ズズズ
ズズズ
ズズズ...

ZUZUZU
(SLURRP)

WHILE
SIPPING
MISO
SOUP.



THAT BAT
BROTH SOUNDS
LIKE IT MUST
BE RATHER
TASTY.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF TAKE-
AWAY RESTAURANTS NEAR MY OFFICE,
WHICH HELPS SAVE LOTS OF MY TIME.

MY THEME
THIS TIME IS
"FOOD." I'M
COMPOSING THIS
AFTERWORD
WHILE I FONDLY
REMEMBER THE
SCHOOL LIFE I
LED BACK IN
SCOTLAND.

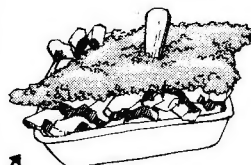
FOOD

(IF YOU HAVEN'T
SEEN IT OR DON'T
REMEMBER, CHECK
OUT P.31 OF
VOLUME 1!)



DO YOU
REMEMBER
IN THE FIRST
VOLUME OF
CIRQUE DU
MANGA WHEN
STEVE HAD HIS
PAPERS KEPT IN
A LITTLE BOX?

AS I MENTIONED AT THE
END OF THE PREVIOUS
VOLUME, I DID SPEND
PART OF MY LIFE IN
SCOTLAND.



WHEN YOU MENTION ENGLISH
FOOD, THERE'S NO IGNORING
THE OLD STANDARD OF
FISH AND CHIPS.

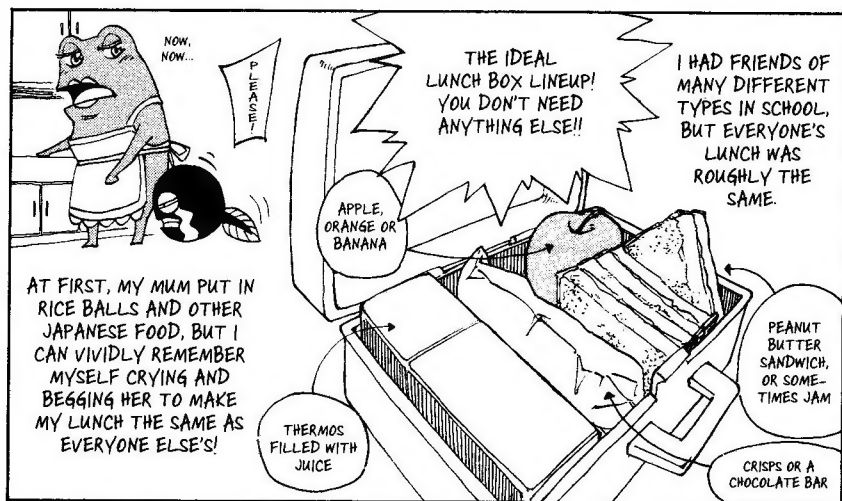
THEY'RE
MADE OF
PLASTIC,
AND EVEN
SIMPLER THAN
THE ONES YOU
SEE IN THE
MANGA.

HUH?
THIS?



DECORATED WITH
YOUR FAVOURITE
SUPERHERO, ROBOT,
OR CARTOON.

THIS IS
ACTUALLY
A SCHOOL
LUNCHBOX,
WHICH ARE
QUITE COMMON
IN THE UNITED
KINGDOM.



The End

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